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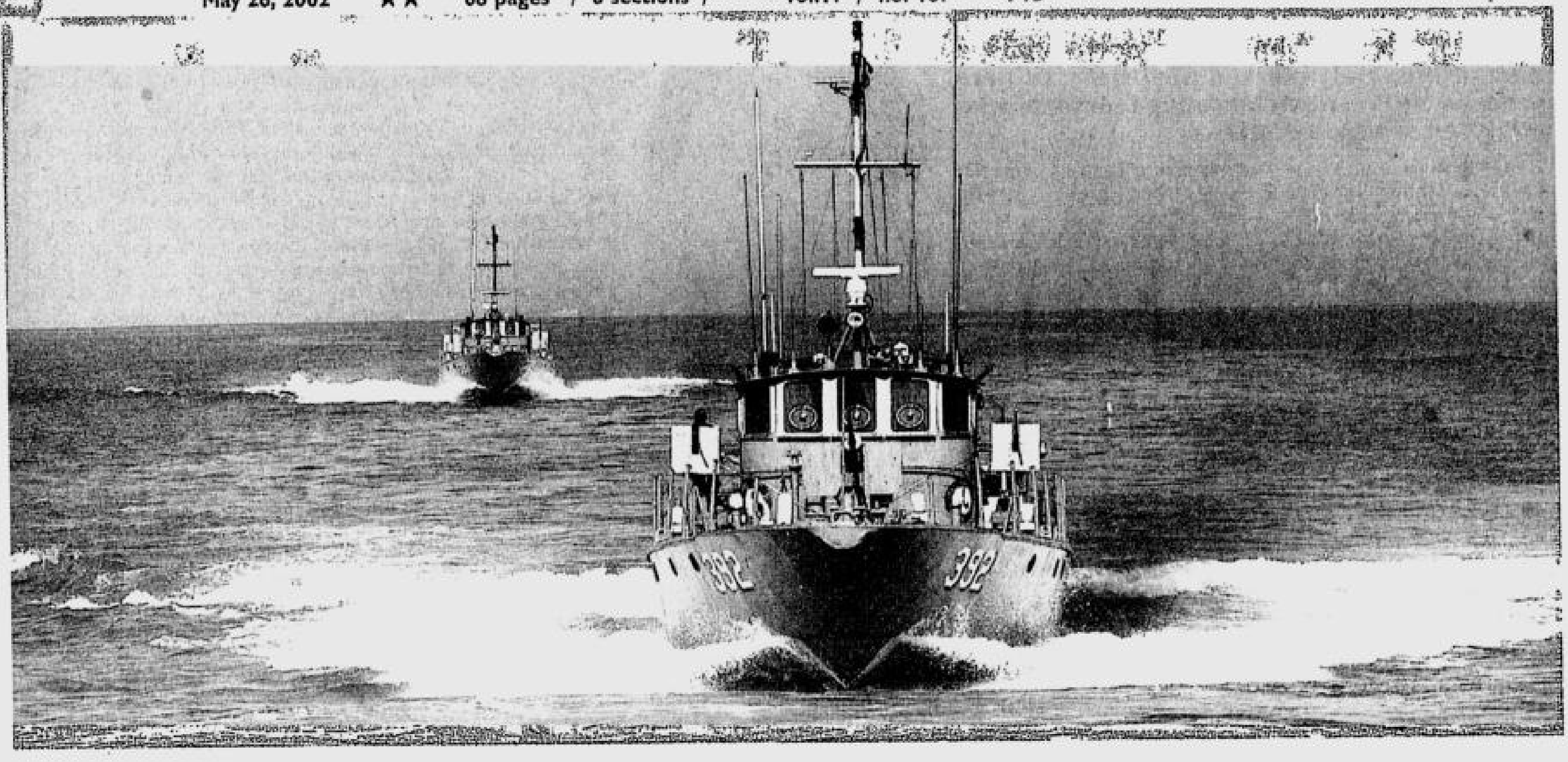
JOAN BONDOC

TOO DARN HOT
President Macapagal slips out of her blazer after meeting with the regional development council on Saturday in San Fernando City, Pampanga. Earlier, she made a lightning visit to Cebu where she was greeted with a steamy transport stoppage and protest rally.



Doubters back accord

Dureza, Cimatu close ranks for peace

By Ayan C. Mellejor, Joel B. Escovilla
PDI Mindanao Bureau
and Dona Z. Pazzibugan
in Manila

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo's men yesterday closed ranks to uphold the interim agreements forged by her back-channel negotiator with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, even if some of them earlier had questioned them.

Jesus Dureza, the President's assistant on Mindanao and chief peace negotiator with the MILF but who was left out in the backdoor negotiations, told reporters in Davao City that the "welcome agreements" signed by Norberto Gonzales played an important role in "untangling" the issues that caused the deadlock in the peace negotiations. He said that had this not happened, "we cannot move forward."

Armed Forces Chief of Staff Gen. Roy Cimatu, who earlier voiced misgivings over the agreements, said he was certain

DOUBTERS/A20

WHENEVER the Stingray flotilla appears in the horizon (top photo), the elite strike force lives up to its motto, "Any Time, Anywhere," and resort residents say they feel safe and protected. They act as a deterrent or as counter-force to restrict the enemy's ability to operate from the sea . (Above) On the island of Siquijor, Stingray's Special Warfare Group (Swag) demonstrates its capability to stage coastal raids, to strike and trap the enemy.

VAL HANDUMON

Tourists, never fear; Stingray's here and there

By Joan Orendain
Contributor

THE ALMOST full moon floods the Mindanao Sea with silver. Venus and Jupiter are added brilliant attractions among the carpet of constellations dotting the clear sky—an evening easily given to romance, poetry and sentimental song.

Such lyrical thoughts are farthest from the minds of the men in a flotilla of patrol gunboats. They belong to the Naval Task Group Stingray. They are on the prowl for KFRG—kidnap-for-ransom groups who could be lurking in the area waiting to pounce on one of hundreds of middle- to high-end tropical resorts on islands large and small in the Visayas and in Mindanao.

"Any time, anywhere" is Stingray's pledge, the reason for their existence. Sea and aerial patrols and surveillance are the mission of three patrol gunboats, two eight-man Special Warfare Group teams otherwise known as SEALs for their combat expertise on sea, air and land, and a Navy fixed-wing Islander, an eight-seater, for air surveillance.

Where lies Amanpulo and other exclusive playgrounds for the rich and famous, it is easily reached on the Islander.

Every man on the elite strike force was handpicked. How many are they? For reasons of security, the Stingray group cannot say.

But wherever the enemy may attack, the men are ready to rock, as a deterrent or as a counter-force, restricting the enemy's ability to operate from

TOURISTS/A19

Home is Lanao del Sur for Italian engineer

By Grace C. Albasin
PDI Mindanao Bureau

MALABANG, Lanao del Sur—"Home is here."

That was what Armando de Rossi told himself upon his arrival in the Philippines in 1976.

He came to the country to work as the resident engineer and consultant of the National Power Corp. (Napocor) for the construction of the Kalayaan Pump Storage Plant project in Lumban, Laguna.

In 1980, he set foot on Mindanao when Napocor began its $500-million hydroelectric projects in Lanao del Norte and Iligan City.

Twenty-two years later, the man from Sicily was named Sultan Macapundeg of Lanao del Sur in recognition of projects and pursuits that benefited the people of the province.

De Rossi had built schools, delivered potable water and donated materials for the construction of mosques. He provided anti-polio vaccines to thousands of children in Lanao del Sur.

He helped stop the "*rido*" (clan war) among prominent families in Lanao when he was the general manager of the Matling Group of Companies, the primary supplier of cassava starch in the country.

He negotiated with Muslim rebels to allow the Philippine Airlines and the military to conduct search and rescue operations when

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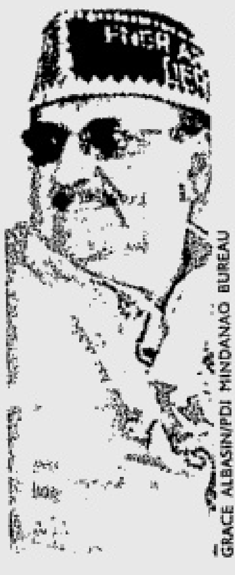

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ARMANDO DE ROSSI aka Sultan Macapundeg Ko Ranao Ragat

Nat'l Geographic team to explore caves for mummies

By Desiree Caluza
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—The mummies of Kabayan, known as the treasures of the Benguet town 82 kilometers away from this summer capital, will soon be featured in living color in the National Geographic channel.

A team of "mummy hunters"—anthropologists and archeologists from the National Geographic magazine—is to explore the caves of Kabayan for four days starting May 28 to learn about the process of mummification and the cultural beliefs and rituals of the Ibaloi tribe.

Some of the mummies are estimated to be at least 500 years old.

The best known is Apo Anno, a cultural

NAT'L/A20

HAY SALAMAT! DI NA KAMI MAGMUMUKHANG ONE OF THE BOYS!

Female cadets let their hair down

By Frank Cimatu
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

FORT DEL PILAR, BAGUIO CITY—Female cadets of the Philippine Military Academy are now allowed to fraternize with male cadets, albeit with certain limitations.

And they can now let their hair

FEMALE/A6

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ONE HOUR IN CEBU

Jeepney strike, protest greet GMA

By Jhunnex Napallacan
PDI Visayas Bureau

CEBU CITY—A three-hour transport stoppage and a protest rally marked the brief visit here yesterday by President Macapagal-Arroyo, who arrived amid tight security.

The President was in Cebu for only an hour, but the police turned out in full force. At least 200 of them secured the area leading to and surrounding the Waterfront Hotel in Barangay Lahug.

Jeepney drivers belonging to the Nagkahiusang Drayber sa Sugbo (Nadsu) halted operations from 9 a.m. to noon and joined the Bagong Alyansang Makabayan (Bayan) Cebu in a motorcade to the Waterfront Hotel, where the President was to speak before members of the National Confederation of Cooperatives (Natcco).

The confederation was holding its national convention and silver jubilee.

At least 50 percent of the public transport routes in the cities of Cebu, Mandaue and Lapu-lapu was affected by the transport stoppage.

While the president delivered her speech on "cooperativism" as part of the solution to the country's poverty problem, some 500 jeepney drivers and Bayan members were engaged in a heated confrontation with police who blocked the road to Waterfront Hotel.

MACAPAGAL

Members of the Crowd Dispersal Unit, policemen from the Security Service Group and Cebu City Police Office, and police trainees from the Regional Training School (RTS) kept watch over the militant groups at the corner of Juan Luna and Archbishop Reyes avenues, a few meters from the hotel.

The demonstrators came from two different directions. The first, led by Vida Arcamo of Gabriela, came from Fuente Osmeña. The second group, led by Nadsu president Alex Hugo, came from the SM City Loading Bay.

Both groups were stopped at the flyover on Archbishop Reyes Ave.

At about the same time, the jeepney drivers had formed roadblocks with their vehicles, resulting in a massive two-hour traffic jam.

Hugo claimed that almost 100 jeepneys and 200 drivers from major routes in Metro Cebu joined the protest which they dubbed "Transport Pahulay (Rest)."

The Nadsu members were demanding an audience with the President so they could hand her a manifesto about their problems at the SM City Loading Bay, in the North Reclamation Area.

The drivers were complaining about a new city ordinance that require them to pay a parking fee for the use of the loading bay. The SM management previously allowed public utility jeeps free use of a portion of the mall's parking area as a loading bay.

Presidential Assistant for Central Visayas Felix Guanzon earlier met with Nadsu members and promised to personally present the group's manifesto to the President. The jeepney drivers insisted they wanted to meet face to face with the President.

In her speech before NATCCO, Ms Macapagal lauded the confederation for its contribution to the government's anti-poverty effort by empowering small and medium-size enterprises.

Hugo said, "*Dili diay para sa mga pobre and atong* President. *Maayo lang diay siya sa mga datu kay moatubang siya* (The President is not for the poor, after all. She is good only to the rich, because she readily meets with them)."

He warned that another round of protest actions, even a transport strike, would be launched if the operation against drivers at the SM City loading bay continued.

Another group composed of some 100 people belonging to Sanlakas staged their own rally near the hotel, urging the President to totally scrap the controversial purchased power adjustment (PPA) in electric bills.

'Spent force,' Cimatu calls Abu Sayyaf

By Frank Cimatu and Jovelyn Reyes
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

FORT DEL PILAR, Baguio City—On his first visit to his alma mater since becoming Armed Forces chief of staff, Gen. Roy Cimatu declared the Abu Sayyaf a spent force that should not be feared.

CIMATU

"The perception that the Abu Sayyaf are very much alive is mere speculation. The pictures and footage of them raising their high-powered firearms—*wala na iyon* (that's nothing)," Cimatu said yesterday.

He said it was these file photographs and footage that was keeping the bandit group alive.

A member of the Philippine Military Academy's Class of 1970, Cimatu was the guest at the incorporation of 438 plebes into the PMA cadet corps at Borromeo Field here.

He said that of the Abu Sayyaf's original number of 800, less than 100 were left. "We have killed 250 of them and about 200 have surrendered. We have neutralized the rest," he said, adding the military also recovered 500 high-powered firearms.

"We are in the last phase of our operations," Cimatu said. "If you noticed, in the past months there were no longer any atrocities by the Abu Sayyaf. Once we get (its spokesperson) Abu Sabaya, the fight is over."

Tomorrow it will be a year to the day when the Abu Sayyaf abducted American missionaries Martin and Gracia Burnham from a Palawan resort. The Burnhams, who belong to the New Tribes Mission, are being held hostage in Basilan along with Ediborah Yap, a Filipino nurse who was taken from a hospital in Lamitan town in June last year.

He urged the couple's family and friends to "just be patient and we will get them." ***With a report from Julie S. Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

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Rights groups bare 'secret war' in Sulu

By Tina Santos

RIGHTS groups yesterday revealed an ongoing "secret war of genocidal scale" in Sulu that has resulted in "massive" human rights violations against civilians during military offensives.

Karapatan, an alliance for the advancement of people's rights, the Concerned Citizens of Sulu and the Moro-Christian Peoples Alliance divulged the result of their "Sulu Fact-Finding and Medical Mission" that showed violations by government troops, particularly the 104th Infantry Battalion in Sulu.

They said the violations had been going on since the Sipadan, Malaysia, kidnapping incident in April 2000.

"We gathered more than a hundred affidavits and documented actual incidents," said Amirah Ali Lidasan, secretary general of the Moro-Christian People's Alliance.

The medical mission visited five towns, where they found 38 "heavily devastated" barangays. The towns—Patikul, Luuk/Panamal, Talipao, Indanan and Parang—had been targets of artillery shelling, aerial bombardment and troop operations. Lidasan said the team's findings showed the military "cannot distinguish between innocent civilians and the bandits and renegades they are after." In fact, she added, only civilians have been killed in those towns.

Among the violations reported were forced evacuations, looting, burning of civilians' houses, massacres and summary executions. Lidasan said most civilians forced to leave their homes have not returned. They have remained in evacuation centers, or are staying with relatives elsewhere.

The group also related how military operations were conducted. They said these usually started with aerial bombardment or indiscriminate firing, followed by ground operations, with more shelling or strafing. After the residents leave, looting would ensue, they said.

At least five massacres and seven killings were documented by the team, Lidasan said. One was the case of the Saidil family who, while preparing to leave their home, was fired upon without warning by a group of passing soldiers.

In another incident, a farmer returned home a month after a forced evacuation to harvest food for his family. He was later found dead, reportedly killed by military troops who said he had been "stealing" from his own farm.

Other violations the team reported included harassment, illegal searches, demolitions, and use of civilian infrastructure as military detachments.

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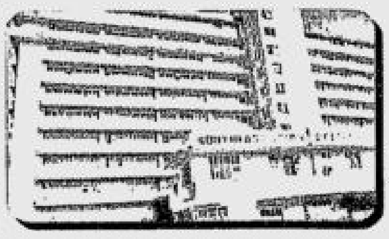

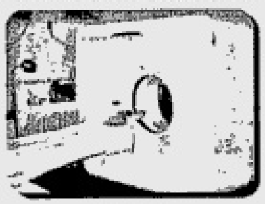

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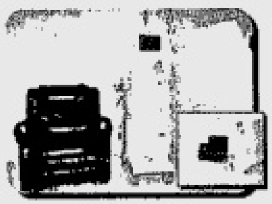

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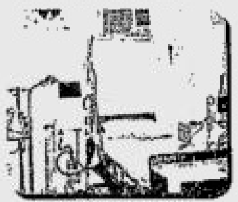

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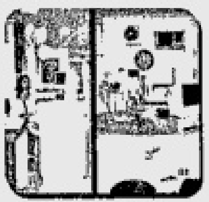

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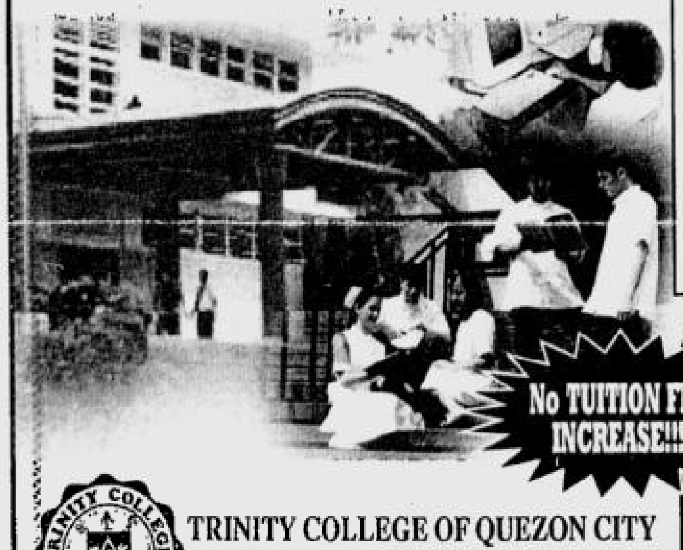

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'Pampanga arrangement' bared

By Juliet L. Javellana

MIKEY Arroyo, the eldest son of the First Couple, will be running for representative of the fourth district of Pampanga in the 2004 elections, a source in the Lakas party revealed yesterday.

The source, who asked not to be named, said the young Arroyo's congressional bid is part of the "Pampanga arrangement" within the ruling Lakas.

Which should explain the giant poster of the young Arroyo along the national road in Pampanga, he said.

"It is already settled," said the source, adding that incumbent Pampanga Rep. Juan Pablo Bondoc will be running for governor of the province in 2004.

Bondoc, who is on his second term, will have as his vice gubernatorial running mate Rep. Zenaida Cruz-Ducut of the second district of Pampanga. Ducut is on her last term in the House.

The Lakas source said while Arroyo's bid is already a done deal, the gubernatorial race is not.

The source said Rep. Oscar Rodriguez, a third-term congressman from the third district, is contesting the giving of the gubernatorial slot to Bondoc.

The source said that if Bondoc does not yield to Rodriguez, the latter would run for governor under the Nationalist Peoples' Coalition, which is a member of the "sunshine coalition" in the House.

Lift 'rape' pill ban, women ask

WOMEN'S groups have asked the Department of Health to lift the ban on the contraceptive pill Postinor, saying it should be made available even on a "limited scale" to victims of rape and sexual assault who face unwanted pregnancies.

Classified as an "emergency contraceptive pill" or ECP, Postinor is said to prevent pregnancies if taken within 72 hours after unprotected sex.

In 1999, according to the Women's Legal Education, Advocacy and Defense Foundation Inc. (WomenLead), the pill was initially approved for local distribution by the DoH's Bureau of Food and Drugs under then health secretary Alberto Romualdez.

But under incumbent Secretary Manuel Dayrit, said WomenLead executive director Carol Ruiz Austria, the BFAD banned the pill (generic name: Levonorgestrel) in December 2001 on the grounds that it "has (an) abortifacient effect, and contravenes existing provisions of the law."

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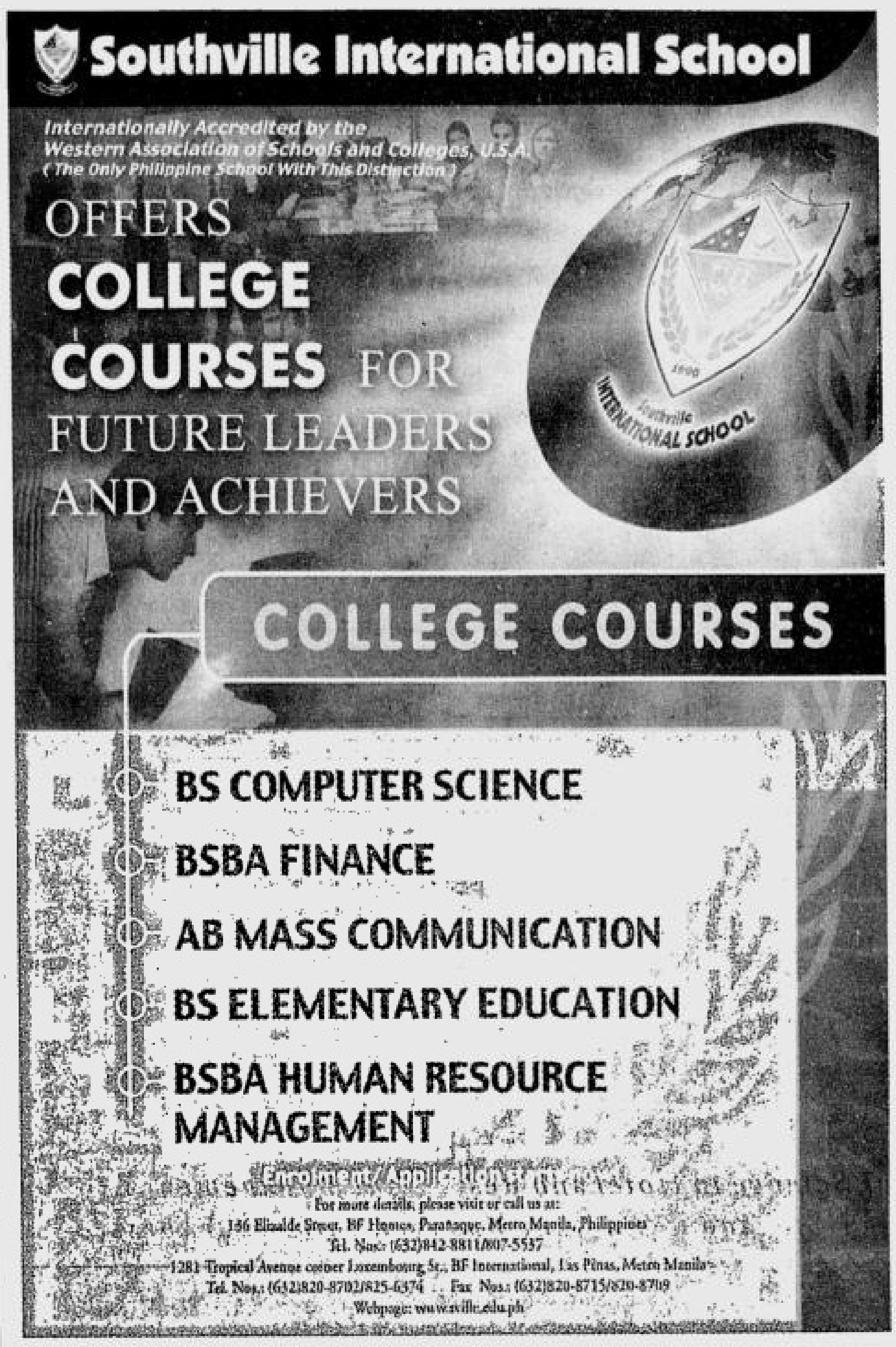

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The class covers 1,000 to 2,000 engineers in Washington state whose national origins or ethnic backgrounds were from seven countries—the Philippines, Cambodia, Vietnam, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran. The class is limited to those who worked for Boeing anytime after Oct. 12, 1996.

The decision by US District Judge Robert Lasnik does not address the legal claims in the 1999 lawsuit that contends Boeing discriminated in the salaries and retention of engineers from those countries.

But Harish Bharti, the Seattle lawyer representing the plaintiffs, hailed the ruling as a major victory.

"Judge Lasnik's ruling is a big blow to the defense and is a very significant victory for the minority work force," said Bharti.

"These poor people have been very hardworking, very good employees . . . Culturally, they are very reluctant to use the legal process," he said.

The suit does not specify the amount of damages being sought.

Boeing said it was disappointed by the decision and may appeal. *AP*

Two senators go to bat for poor students

SEN. Manuel Villar has filed a bill to provide financial assistance to poor students, particularly those wanting to pursue a college degree.

Up to now, Villar noted, there is no comprehensive program to take care of high school graduates who want to go on to college but are hindered by financial constraints.

Villar's measure would appropriate P350 million from the national treasury initially to underwrite the cost of educating an initial batch of 35,000 students.

The senator called earlier for a Senate investigation into the increasing cost of tuition and miscellaneous fees charged by schools.

Taking up the cudgels for preschool pupils, Sen. Francis Pangilinan said Department of Education officials should get their act together on the issue of exorbitant school fees.

Pangilinan, vice chair of the committee on education, said the department has failed to come up with a definitive stand on the issue of preschools charging excessive fees. ***Cynthia D. Balana***

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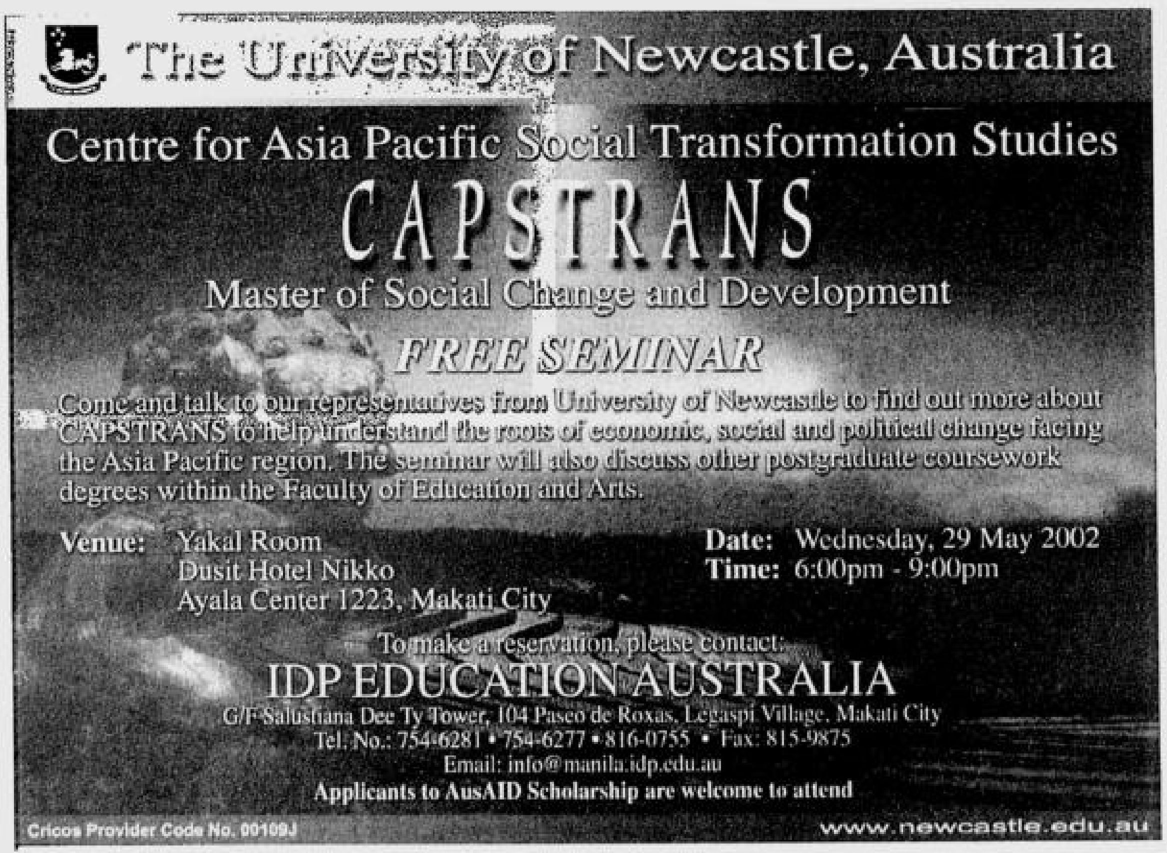

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Mayors launch drive vs over-fishing

THE COUNTRY'S town mayors are spearheading a crusade against over-fishing, which they said is caused by the intrusion of commercial fishers in municipal waters.

Nearly 300 coastal municipalities and seven big cities from 22 provinces under the League of Municipalities have defined their coastal boundaries, according to Mayor Ramon N. Guico Jr. of Binalonan, Pangasinan, who is also the national president of the league.

The DENR's Administrative Order No. 17 issued by Environment Secretary Heherson Alvarez sets the technical guidelines for the delineation and delimitation of municipal waters.

Guico said that the delineation and delimitation of municipal waters is expected to be fully completed before the end of the year.

Among the provinces to have begun the delineation of their municipal waters are Antique, Masbate, Pangasinan, Surigao del Norte, La Union, Ilocos Sur, Ilocos Norte, Zambales, Cagayan, Isabela, Romblon, Marinduque, Iloilo, Davao Oriental, Davao del Norte, Davao del Sur, Camiguin, Occidental Mindoro, Capiz, Aklan, Bohol and Cebu.

"This is a strategy to fast-track the implementation of coastal resource management program as a basic service by Local Government Units specifically the coastal cities and municipalities," he said.

Alvarez is still awaiting confirmation as secretary of environment and natural resources and has cited big-time commercial fishermen opposed to the administrative order as the ones behind the efforts to block his confirmation.

200 killed in Mozambique train crash

MAPUTO, Mozambique—About 200 persons were killed and hundreds were injured in a collision between a passenger train and a freight train in southern Mozambique, the country's transport minister said.

The accident happened Saturday morning in Moamba, about 60 kilometers south of this capital city.

There were conflicting reports about the cause of the crash, but Transport Minister Tomas Salomao told radio Mozambique from the scene that it appeared to be the result of human error.

Between 300 and 400 persons were injured, he said.

About 150 injured people had been taken to hospitals in Maputo by Saturday afternoon and many more were on their way.

Salamao said several of those wounded had died while being brought to hospital, and he expected the death toll to rise.

"We are investigating the cause of the accident, which brought this time of mourning to the nation, but it was caused by a human error," he said.

President Joachim Chissano declared the accident a national tragedy and called on Mozambicans to donate blood for the injured and support those who had lost loved ones.

Alexandre Manuele, the national health director, urged all off-duty doctors and nurses to report immediately to hospitals in Maputo to assist the injured.

Mozambique is a deeply poor southern African nation of 18 million. The former Portuguese colony is still recovering from a devastating 16-year civil war that ended in 1992. *AP*

Solon seeks probe of geothermal firm

AN INVESTIGATION is being sought against the Philippine Geothermal Inc. (PGI) for its allegedly anomalous award of a drilling contract which would result in higher cost for Filipino power consumers.

In a statement, Rep. Prospero Pichay (Lakas, Surigao del Sur) said PGI had failed to award the drilling contract for the expansion of its steam fields to PNOC Energy Development Corp. despite its lowest bid and its track record.

He said the state-owned firm had complied with the bidding's technical specifications and tendered a bid that was fully P93 million lower than the winning bid made by an Australian firm, Century Drilling.

Pichay said government should likewise go over PGI's other contracts to see if there were other anomalies which could boost the steam charges it imposes.

PGI is a wholly owned subsidiary of the US-based Union of California and has a steam sales contract with the National Power Corp. which allows the multinationals to pass on all operating costs to Napocor. In turn, the state power firm will need to reflect these costs in its power rates.

Recently, PGI announced preparations to drill three new wells to expand the capacity of its geothermal steam fields. The drilling contract had been awarded to a Filipino company, Desco. However, PNOC-EDC said the contract was actually awarded to the Australian firm Century Drilling, which submitted a bid of $4.277 million through Desco. The state firm's bid was $3.65 million, or P31 million lower for each well, for a total of P93 million.

Female cadets let their hair down

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grow a little bit longer.

The PMA has decided to relax its rules on fraternization between cadets, whether male or female.

According to the revised policy, cadets can be seen together in public areas as long as one party is one class ahead or behind the other.

But those belonging to the same class and those who are more than one year ahead or behind the other are still prohibited from fraternizing.

The rules had been imposed to prevent the creation of fraternities within the academy.

The PMA would also allow female cadets to let their hair grow a little above their shoulders.

"This will give them a chance to identify themselves as women cadets," said Lt. Col. Amado Forteza, PMA chief of personnel.

Prior to this order, female cadets had been wearing the authorized haircut known as the Demi Moore cut, or the short bob the actress wore in the movie "Ghost."

Determining whether cadets are male or female once they have donned their caps has dumbfounded many PMA officers.

An article in the Philippine Marines website recounted an incident where a Marine captain called out to a cadet: "Cadet! Why do you have an unauthorized hair cut?"

The cadet stopped, faced the officer and replied in woman's voice, "Sir, this is an authorized haircut! Sir!"

This surprised the officer, who was quick to add in an unruffled voice, "Carry On!"

The cadet replied, "Sir, yes sir!" and did a smart about-face and followed her classmates.

According to Col. Arsenio Arugay, PMA chief of academic staff, the academy is also thinking of putting up a beauty parlor.

But one policy that will likely not change is the role of PMA's female graduates in actual combat.

Like his predecessors, PMA superintendent, Brig Gen. Edilberto Adan, does not believe women soldiers should be assigned to the battlefront.

Adan said even the Israeli army, which has the biggest number of female soldiers, does not allow women in direct combat.

1st Lt. Consuelo Nunag-Logico, who was among the first batch of female cadets to graduate from the PMA in 1997, lamented that she was not allowed to do combat missions in Mindanao.

Logico has been called back to the PMA to teach, together with classmate 1st Lt. Arlene Orejana-Trillianes.

Another member of Class 1977, 1st Lt. Maria Victoria Blancaflor-Agoncillo of the Mechanized Infantry Company of the 2nd Light Armored Battalion, was awarded a Gold Cross Medal for her role in the capture of five Moro Islamic Liberation Front camps in Central Mindanao in 2000.

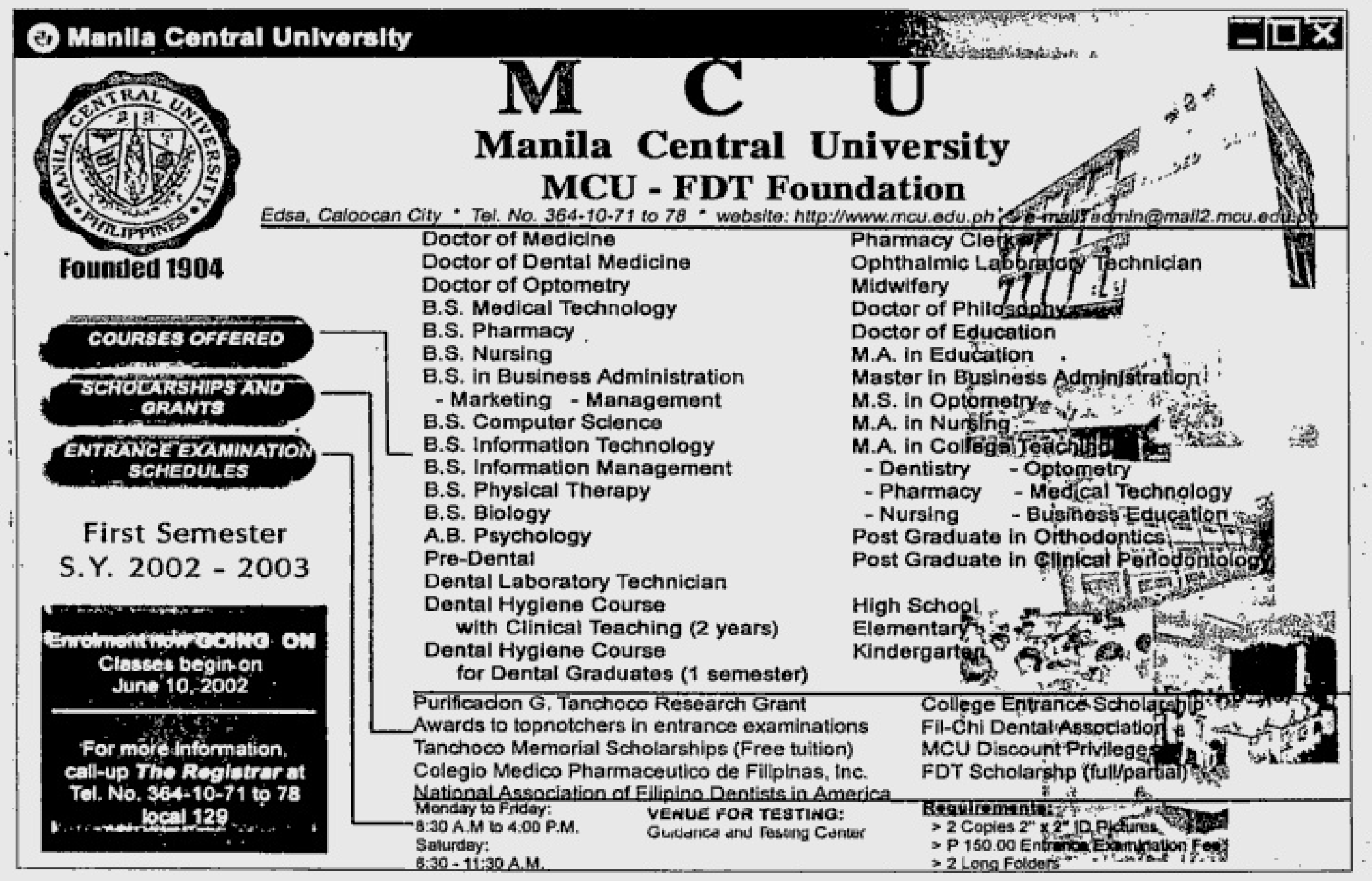
She led her tank patrol in entering Camp Rajamuda and Camp Abubakar in June 2000.

Their class salutatorian, 1st Lt. Leah Lorenzo, who had a colorful life in Mindanao spying on the Muslim extremists, was pulled out of combat and became an administrative officer under then AFP Southern Command chief and now AFP chief of staff, Gen. Roy Cimatu.

The changes in PMA rules were issued earlier this week as the PMA prepared for yesterday's incorporation of the newest batch of cadets.

PMA Class of 2006 includes 51 female plebes, the biggest number of women accepted by the academy since it first opened its doors to female cadets in 1993.

It is also the biggest batch to enter the PMA in 103 years. The unusual volume of yearlings entering the academy was decided by the AFP to fill the lack of regular officers.



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And Yahweh came down in a cloud and stood there with him, and Moses called on the name of Yahweh.

Then Yahweh passed in front of him and cried out, "Yahweh, Yahweh is a God full of pity and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in truth and loving-kindness.

Moses hastened to bow down to the ground and worshiped. He then said, "If you really look kindly on me, my Lord, please come and walk in our midst and even though we are a stiff-necked people, pardon our wickedness and our sin and make us yours."

2nd Reading: **2 Cor 13:11-13**

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Ramos hits detractors, calls for 'long-term view' on power rates issue

By Volt Contreras

FORMER President Fidel V. Ramos has criticized the political opposition for trying to make him the scapegoat for the high cost of electricity today.

In an interview on ABS-CBN television, Ramos said, "We should not be swift to put somebody in the electric chair and zap him with 10,000 kilowatts."

Instead, Ramos urged the government to take the "long-term view" amid popular pressure to lower electric rates, the AFP reported.

Ramos said President Macapagal-Arroyo should adopt "that long-term perspective, meaning let us provide for the future."

Ramos has been blamed for the high power rates after his administration opened the electricity-generation sector to independent power producers (IPPs) whose output the National Power Corp. committed to buy whether it used it or not.

Napocor officials said the supply contracts appear expensive today because planners had not foreseen the 1997 Asian economic crisis and the low growth during the 30-month presidency of former President Joseph Estrada.

Ramos and Estrada were invited to appear before the Senate to answer questions on the power deals. Ramos refused to show up enumerating to Sen. John Osmeña his reasons for doing so.

Yesterday, Estrada took fresh potshots at his predecessor.

In a statement faxed to media, Estrada chided Ramos "for his arrogance in rejecting an invitation" to face a Senate inquiry into alleged onerous deals entered into by his administration with the IPPs.

"What is Ramos afraid of? Is he afraid the skeletons in his closet will be exposed once a Senate investigation goes into high gear?" Estrada asked.

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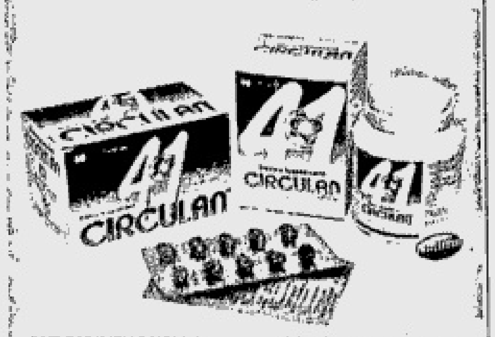

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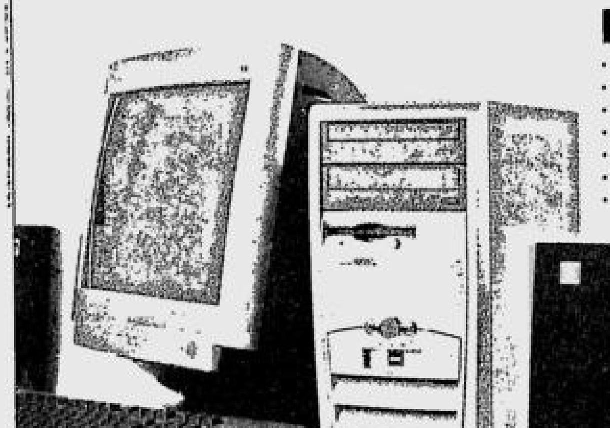

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Growing up

EDITORIAL

THE NEW chief of the military's largest area command is familiar with the many instruments of war, but in his engagements with media he apparently prefers to use the most effective weapon of all: humor. Last week, Maj. Gen. Ernesto Carolina, the Southern Command chief, parried media attempts to probe military dissatisfaction with the so-called interim agreements that backdoor negotiator Norberto Gonzales signed with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front early this month with a deft combination of wide humor and world-weary wisdom.

Asked to comment on the "brouhaha" that had arisen over the confidence-building agreements signed in Malaysia, Carolina replied: "We have been through this many, many times. We all grew up in the Philippines. Here, any little thing that you do, there would be people who would surely agree and disagree. That's the price of living in a democracy."

Lest we are accused of mistaking the molehill of banter for the mountain of reasoned argument, let us hasten to add that on the main points Carolina, who replaced new Armed Forces Chief of Staff Roy Cimatu as Southcom commanding general, was clear and emphatic. He made the right noises about the military's role in a functioning democracy: The AFP "would not be part of the process of threshing out the political issues concerning the agreement." About civilian supremacy: "Our job is to wait for the political leaders, those who are clothed with authority to address the political issues." And about the chain of command: "But in the end, we'll implement whatever is to be implemented."

But Carolina's light remarks, about what it means to "grow up" in the Philippines, deserve a closer look. Perhaps without meaning to (he was talking to reporters after a change of command ceremony in Lucena City), he has invited all of us to consider the difference between our kind of culture and our brand of democracy.

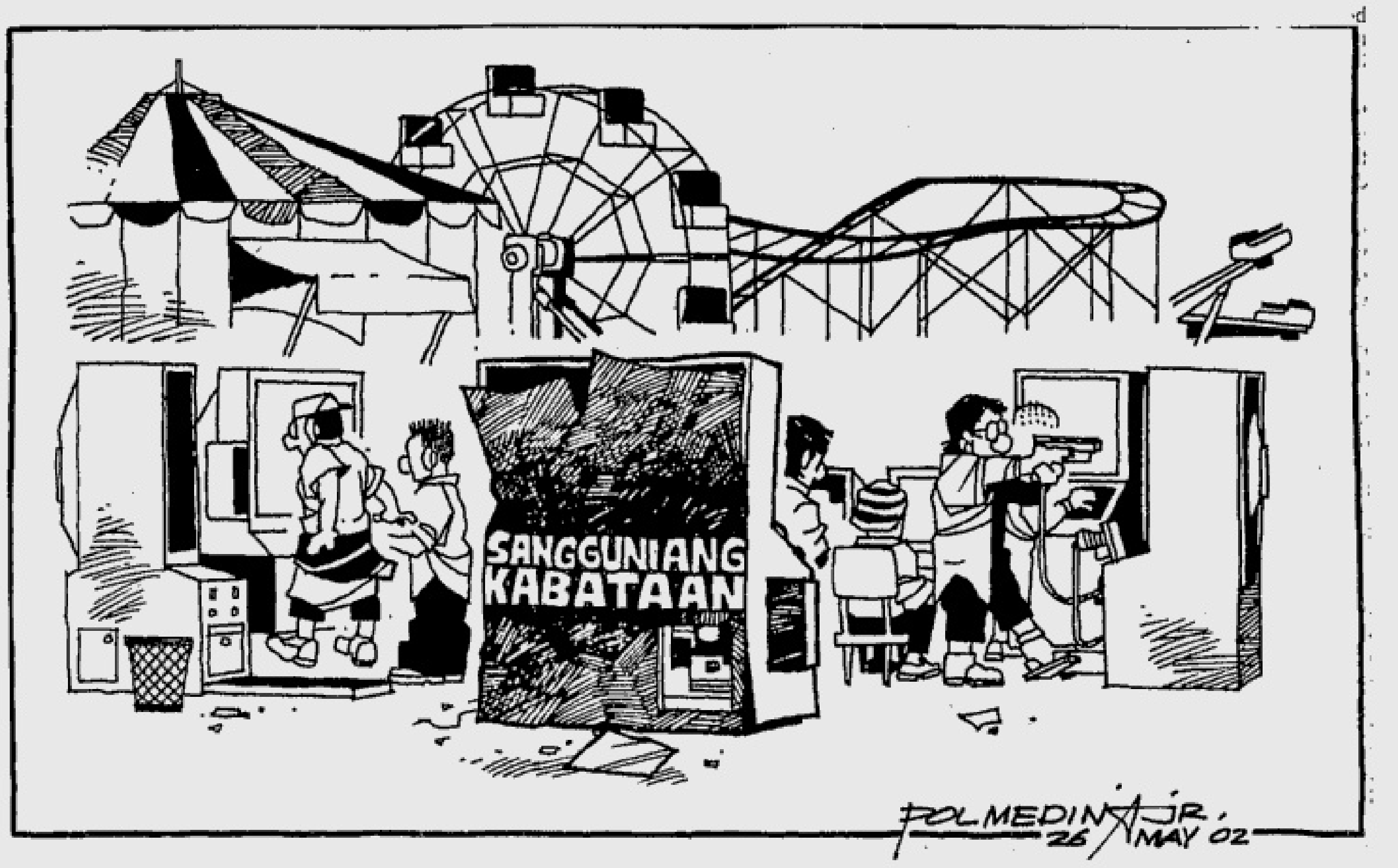
"We all grew up in the Philippines." We can add this quote to the already long list of clichés that stress experience over innocence: starting with "We weren't born yesterday," running through the apt "Tell that to the Marines," ending with the recent "Been there, done that." Growing up in the Philippines, Carolina suggests, is living from one false or hyped-up situation to another, "many, many times."

Carolina must have meant to say that the controversy over the MILF agreements was only to be expected and was nothing to get unduly excited about. (This places him on the opposite side of the picket fence from Cotabato Gov. Manny Piñol and Zamboanga City Rep. Celso Lobregat—if we take his words at face value.) This is the right sort of attitude to take, for a man whose decisions may mean a soldier's life or death. But by generalizing his remarks, the man who is now in charge of the military campaign against the Abu Sayyaf has invited us to ask ourselves: are we mistaking crab mentality for democracy in action?

When we dispute the terms of an agreement—"Here, any little thing that you do, there would be people who would surely agree and disagree"—do we do it out of cultural considerations, or political?

Perhaps the reason the country continues to play catch up—40 years after it was the second largest economy in Asia, 30 years after martial law was declared, 15 years after the first flourish of people power swept a dictator off his throne—is that we don't really know the difference. We tear a new initiative to pieces, and call the ripping the sound of democracy. Or we defend a new initiative, and dub its critics victims of crab mentality.

Is "the price of living in a democracy" perpetual membership in the also-ran club? All we need to do to answer that is to look—albeit with a large helping of humor—at other democracies.



Obituaries

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

EVERY so often, the obituary section of this and other major broadsheets publish huge announcements, sometimes ordered separately by different persons or entities, of the death of a person supposed to be somebody important. The ads usually cover several pages in each newspaper and must cost a small fortune despite discounts. The relatives and business associates of the deceased probably think they are honoring him by splashing the news of his death in such expensive fashion.

A death notice is only that and nothing more. It is intended to announce that a person has died and requests the readers to pray for his soul. It is not a badge of honor, as if the bigger the announcement, the more honorable the deceased. If at all, it merely suggests that the deceased was a rich person and left more than enough money to spend for his obituary. Collaterally, it may also indicate that the relatives and friends he has left behind want to express their grief and affection with gigantic advertisements of his demise.

It seems to me that the more widely known a person may be, the less need there is for an obituary to announce that he is no longer among the living. His death will be reported as straight news, a matter of public interest that will not cost a single centavo to his family. The token notice in the newspapers and by word-of-mouth is only supplementary. The obituary may not even be necessary and can even be described as a useless expense.

It's not my money, of course, and those who pay for those loud announcements have every right to splurge as they see fit. Perhaps giving the deceased a grand send-off through the newspapers is their way of paying their last respect to his mortal remains. Without offense, however, I feel that the extravagant expenditure reflects a mistaken sense of values.

If it was the will of the deceased that his death be announced in full page notices for all to read, his wish should be followed by all means. After all, his money was his to spend or misspend as he saw fit, and anyway he couldn't have taken it with him. I see no sense, though, in his heirs or successors pulling all stops on his death notice as if his demise were of earthshaking importance calling for universal mourning. Most of the public couldn't care less.

A discreet notice of reasonable size would, in my opinion, be decorous enough without branding the deceased as a pauper or a miser. An obituary should quietly announce the person's demise instead of bellowing it like an advertisement for a horror movie. Its purpose should not be to attract a big attendance at the funeral. The number of mourners or sympathizers will depend, not on the size of the dead person's obituary, but on the kind of life he led.

A big obituary of the person's death will not make him a public figure, much less a respectable public figure. The only impression many people will get is that the person, whoever he was in life, is dead.

Considering the advertising rates for obituaries, I cannot help thinking that the money paid for the extra-large death notices could be put to better use. The alleviation of the problems of the poor or the support of some worthy cause like the campaign against drugs could, conceivably, have been better appreciated by the deceased if he had a civic conscience. The Rico Yan Youth Foundation, for example, honors its founder more than any obituary could.

Gratifying the vanity of the dead person's relatives through the use of gigantic obituaries only reduces them to the level of noisy carnival barkers touting the attractions of a sideshow. And still on the subject of vanity, have you noticed how some professionals want to be remembered as a cut above other people by holding on to their titles in their obituaries? Even in death, they want to be labeled as Engineer, Architect, Ph.D, or maybe even Tubero, probably so they can continue practicing in the other world. Atty. Dinero Dilatorio will, of course, serve as defense counsel for many plunderers in hell.

And how about "Don"? The word is a Spanish title of respect for a nobleman or a distinguished person known for some achievement in arts and letters or for family wealth. Claro M. Recto was called Don Claro because of his literary gifts that were recognized by the Royal Academy of Spain. He did not unilaterally assume the honorific, unlike some self-centered but undeserving "Dons." Some businessmen are addressed as Don Emilio or Don Sulpicio by their flatterers albeit only for their money or influence. When Recto died, his obituary did not prefix the "Don" to his already illustrious name.

This passion for bigger than life obituaries—and for titles even in death—seems to be an ethnic eccentricity of the Filipinos. Other people are not as vain. The Chinese build impressive mausoleums for their dead whose souls are supposed to reside in these palatial quarters after leaving this earth. The obituary will be as stale as yesterday's newspaper but the bereaved will publish them just the same, sometimes at great expense, to perpetuate in print the dead person's memory.

I have a feeling that some people will wish me dead for writing this article. Our advertising department may want to suppress it, but I hope my editors will defend it. Anyway don't call me Justice or Dean or Attorney in my obituary but only by my plain unembellished name. Just don't forget my middle initial.

Forget me not

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

I WAS caught in heavy traffic once in Concepcion, Tarlac. It was hot, and everything had come to a halt, so I alighted from the car. I was greeted by a couple with a little baby in the next car. After the usual greetings, I asked the husband how long they have been stranded, and the husband's answer was: "Father Orbos, when we got here, my wife was still pregnant, now we have a baby already!" We all burst into laughter. In that one light moment, we forgot all the traffic and the heat and felt that we belonged. In the moments that ensued as I got to know them more, I felt the love of this simple couple for each other and for their child, and as they shared their joys, problems and aspirations, I was no longer a stranger or an outsider to them. They brought me into their lives. It was literally for me an experience of the Trinity in a most unexpected place. Yes, there will always be something or someone to remind us of God's love.

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The whole Bible is a beautiful love story, the story of a God who wants to share His life and love with His people. The whole Bible can be summed up in John 3,16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son."

God is a God who reaches out to us, His children, who often run away and refuse His love. It's a never-ending story—a story of God's constant love and incredible patience, and our stubborn flight from His embrace and love.

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"God did not send His Son to condemn the world." There's a lot of condemnation these days on us priests. Truth has to come out, justice must be served, yes, but this applies not only to the victims but to the alleged offenders as well. As the onslaught goes on, there isn't much we can do but pray that the media will truly bring out fearless views and balanced news through it all. It is a storm which too, will pass. I pray that we all come out of it stronger and more purified. At the end of the day, will you be one of those caught with a stone in hand about to cast it at one who is already down-trodden? And for those who are screaming loudest, think for a moment: Are you too without sin?

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While others are fast in condemning, there are others too who extend kindness and understanding. This week I received from so many people this text message: "For the faults of a few, all priests are condemned and branded. Let us support our good priests. Wear blue and white on May 26, Sunday, as a sign of support for priests. Let's pray for them too. Please pass." Amen. Thank you! I am wearing blue and white today.

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In my radio program "Hello Father" every Monday at 10 p.m. (Veritas 846 a.m. band), I get a lot of phone calls from people who share their lives, experiences, questions and prayers. Most touching are the prayers of little children and teenagers who ask for prayers for their families. I feel deeply the pain of a child asking that his father would come home *na*, or that his parents would reconcile, or that his mother would stop beating him up. There are kids calling late at night, asking for prayers, seeking peace and love in their homes. Parents, all your children want is peace and love. Please do not deny them these. May every home be filled with the Trinitarian atmosphere of love, peace and sharing, and may this overflow beyond our homes.

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Last week we prayed for rain, and it rained. The weather is cooler, and our land is green again. As I asked you to join me in praying for rain, now I ask you to join me in thanking Him. Yes, prayer works! But more than that, it is a reminder that our God is a God who provides in more ways than we can expect or understand. Indeed, God is so big He can embrace the whole world, yet so small He can be found in the heart of each one of us. As we go on in life, may we never lose sight of the Trinity that has chosen to stick it out with us through thick and thin. On our part, *kapit tuko kay* Lord, *kahit na kapal muks* (Let us hold on to the Lord, no matter how thick-faced we are to Him)!

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"Your most important appointment today is your appointment with your Heavenly Father." This text message convicted me, deeply as I realized how often I have set aside my prayer appointment with the Trinity because of my other "pressing" and "urgent" appointments. It is really so easy for us to cut down or all together leave out our appointment with God, and all in God's name! May it not happen that we forget the Lord of the work because we are "busy" doing God's work! Let us always keep our appointment with the Trinity. Come to think of it, all of our other appointments should be done because of, with and through the Trinity.

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The month of May is the month of Mama Mary who loves flowers. Flores de Mayo! But more than flowers, what makes her truly happy is your heart and mine, for her Son. So, where is your heart?

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A MOMENT WITH THE LORD:
Lord, even if I forget You, please don't forget me because without You I am nothing, Amen.

Israeli 'passes': good for security, bad for peace

NEWS ANALYSIS

Mark Heinrich

JERUSALEM—The Israeli army's new "pass" system for West Bank travel may snare some suicide bombers en route to Israel but also disable Palestinian society, spreading hatred inimical to peace hopes, analysts say.

After shattering incursions into West Bank towns to quell Palestinian militants, the army now encircles them around the clock in a policy it defends as security vital to the Jewish state but condemned by Palestinians as collective punishment.

This week, Israel confirmed reports by international relief and development agencies that it was now requiring Palestinians to obtain passes to travel beyond the checkpoints and barbed wire which bar all routes in and out of towns.

All but those needing urgent medical care must get permits in what some analysts call a creeping Israeli carve-up of the West Bank into isolated cantons to shore up Jewish settlements in the firing line of a Palestinian uprising against occupation.

"There's a very legitimate short-term justification for this policy—to intercept Palestinians moving back and forth with explosives to make bombs, or transporting the bombers themselves," said Israeli strategic analyst Joseph Alpher.

"But long term, it will leave Palestinians unable to plan their lives, have a heavy effect on their already dismal economy and motivate more people to fight Israel as they see more and more outposts put up and turned into settlements."

The new system requires trucks to offload goods to other vehicles at army roadblocks while moving between towns. Relief agencies said it also forces their local staff to get passes for travel between towns, tying aid operations in knots.

Israel's April onslaught on West Bank towns accused of harboring "terrorist" networks inflicted about $360 million in damage to Palestinian institutions, buildings and roads, international lenders and donors say.

That came on top of $305 million in infrastructural damage and a $2.4 billion loss in income incurred by army "closures" of towns dating to the October 2000 onset of Israeli military action—incursions and air strikes—against the uprising.

When the uprising began, about 25 percent of Palestinians lived in poverty in towns which obtained self-rule under interim peace deals during the 1990s. The poverty rate has more than doubled since then, development agencies estimate.

"Anyone who has seen the insidious impact closures have already had view the prospect of tightening them with huge disquiet," said a senior member of the donor community with long experience in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"Part of the frustration is that we see so much of this damaging Israel's interests but this seems so little understood within Israel," said the official, who asked not to be named.

"A climate of intense frustration, desperation and antagonism is building. Everything we are trying to achieve is endangered and with it the entire enterprise of peacemaking."

There are scores of Israeli army checkpoints shackling a territory of about 5,000 square kilometers, about a quarter the size of Israel, a small, narrow country in itself.

Countless Palestinians of every description queue up under the guns of glowering, sometimes jumpy Israeli troops every day, waiting in heat and dust to go in and out of towns, often their own. Passage can be shut down without notice or explanation.

Palestinian communities have been cut off from each other by barbed wire built to fortify nearby Jewish settlements—which resemble affluent Californian suburbs—and seal off the routes driven by settlers.

The Israeli daily Ha'aretz said donors who had poured hundreds of millions of dollars into Palestinian territory in anticipation of a state after the 1993 Oslo Accords "now find themselves unwillingly financing the development of a new regime—disconnected cantons, with limited self-rule."

This week, the Defense Ministry issued a statement saying accusations that Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's government planned to dismember the West Bank into feeble enclaves were "completely unfounded and baseless."

The ministry's Office for Coordination of Government Activities in the Territories said the permits were meant to smooth the lives of Palestinians uninvolved in terror.

"The closures imposed on Palestinian cities arise directly and solely from the need to prevent terror attacks emanating from these cities against innocent (Israeli) citizens," it said.

"(Despite) these most adverse and hostile circumstances, procedures were put in place to enable the movement of the population under closure in order for it to address its needs."

But an army spokesperson said the timeframe for issuing a pass could vary. Every permit was "unique" and "special."

"We would of course prefer to lift the closures instead of having to issue permits," the spokesperson said. "The permit system...will be revised as soon as incessant terror attacks stop."

Israeli, Palestinian and foreign critics say the policy augurs permanence to the military clampdown reflecting the ruling right-wing Likud party's resolve to cement settlements on biblical land settlers say is theirs by birthright. ***Reuters***

What would Lino say?

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

BEFORE "MAYNILA sa Kuko ng Liwanag," there was "Tinimbang ka Nguni't Kulang." Before the two, there was, as far as I can remember, "Wanted: Perfect Mother," which established Lino Brocka as a competent, technically proficient filmmaker.

But it was "Tinimbang" that made his reputation as a filmmaker of note, and it was "Maynila" that signaled he would become an even more important cultural and political force. "Tinimbang" was to be the launching movie of the young Christopher de Leon, so achingly innocent the female population wanted to just take him in their arms and hug him to death. He was the reason I watched the movie, to be honest (him and his nude picture in Mr. & Ms., where a strategically placed hand was all that kept it from turning into porn). But beyond the young Boyet, what I saw just blew me away. I remember coming to school the next day and all of us who'd seen the movie just couldn't stop talking about it. We didn't know it then, but we had just entered a "Golden Age" of Filipino cinema.

Lino Brocka is news again, especially after "Maynila" made it to a listing of the best films in the world, ever. On the local front, "Maynila" and "Orapronobis," which stand like bookends in Brocka's career, was named to the Manunuris' selection of the best films in the last 25 years. Which may explain why there was a tribute to him this week at the CCP on his 11th death anniversary, the cultural authorities having obviously forgotten to celebrate last year.

So it's only right to ask at this point of Brocka: What would he have thought—and said—of the state of Filipino movies today?

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IN A CONVERSATION with Armida Siguion-Reyna, I mentioned that the local movie industry is "dying." "Tita Midz" interjected: "Not dying, dead." What else could it be when, as Armida recounted, Mother Lily Monteverde of Regal Films just the other year produced a total of 30 films. This year, the number had dived to—five.

This isn't unique to the Philippines. The hegemony of Hollywood extends to the rest of the world. Local movies are losing their local audiences, and even a once-hyperactive movie industry such as that of Hong Kong has grown sluggish and moribund.

But the American film juggernaut has also been met with a similar, though smaller, wave of films from outside the United States. Hollywood is no longer exclusively American. Foreign filmmakers, directors as well as actors, cinematographers, even stunt coordinators, have found their niches in the American film industry. Even more interestingly, foreign films have found a market in the United States, and many of them are from Asia. Japan and China have already made inroads, and now movies from India, Thailand, Korea and Singapore are finding their way to US theaters.

If Asian filmmakers have found an audience outside of the continent, why haven't Filipinos, despite Brocka and Ishmael Bernal, and other masters before them?

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MEMBERS of the industry and industry-watchers cite many reasons: heavy taxation, censorship, low standards, producers and a market besotted with formula, commercialism and the lack of support and incentives from the government which doesn't realize the potential of a world-class film industry.

In an effort to encourage the production of "quality" films, the Film Ratings Board was created some years back to recognize and reward movies submitted to it for review. Films rated "A" were entitled to a 100-percent tax rebate, while those rated "B" were entitled to 50 percent. But local governments balked at paying the rebates, and in the first place, said industry members, a movie would first have to make a profit before the tax rebates had any impact.

Through many congresses, the film industry had lobbied for the passage of a bill that would have instituted the functions of the FRB and a system of rewards and incentives to films deemed of sufficient "quality." But it wasn't just material incentives that filmmakers were after. "What would encourage us to make quality movies?" asks noted director Carlitos Siguion-Reyna. "Aside from financial incentives, a free creative environment where we could explore our personal visions and make films that challenge, disturb and provoke." Like the movies that Brocka made.

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JUST a few days ago, a bi-cameral conference committee approved a version of the bill creating the Film Development Council of the Philippines, the name of the new counterpart of the FRB. The bill, which presumably will now be submitted to Malacañang for signing into law, dropped the provision on exemption from censorship for a rated film. This provision was contained in the House version, and was in fact Brocka's pet advocacy, insisting on a full guarantee of creative freedom for "quality" filmmakers, without which a system of material incentives made no sense.

There's a complicated and even heartbreaking story behind the passage of this mangled bill, which even now industry "leaders" are hailing as the new hope, the resurrection of the "dead" film industry. I might tell it in a subsequent column, but for now we can only imagine what Brocka and maybe even Bernal, would have to say about this turn of events.

Brocka, for one, was not one to mince words, and established his career by making a movie, the aforementioned "Tinimbang," that exposed the hypocrisy and malice of so-called moralists who preyed on outcasts and corrupted the innocent. What a movie he could have made from this story!

Imagining Camiguin

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

THIS is not paradise. "It is the island of your imagination," says Gov. Pedro "Loloy" Romualdo rather poetically. With its colonial ruins, turn-of-the-century homes, rustic coastal villages, awesome sunrises and sunsets, and varied geological formations, Camiguin is definitely imaginable as the setting for many a magical realist novel or historical film.

But, on my first visit to this fabled island off the coast of Misamis Oriental, my mind is far from literature or history. I am lost in my own imagining, and I am seeing Camiguin as the Pacific equivalent of the Isle of Man, a quiet, sleepy place off the English coast, which comes alive once a year as the motorcycle world's most challenging circuit for the fastest sportbikes.

This small pear-shaped island on the Bohol Sea between Visayas and Mindanao is ringed by 64 kilometers of the finest coastal roads I have seen anywhere. On a rented 125-cc dirt bike, I circled the whole island in over two hours, taking leisurely detours into twisty mountain trails and stopping a few times to view the sea from various vantage points. I imagined that on my Ducati S4, I could take the island in less than an hour, allowing the classic 916 engine full play and leaning close to the ground around some tricky bends. The Isle of Man racers would probably do it in less than 30 minutes. The course could be made longer and even more exciting (i.e. dangerous) by including existing loops that go up and down the hills of the island's sleeping giant, the deadly Mt. Hibok-hibok.

This idea will sound outrageous if not blasphemous to Camiguin's residents and visitors who value the peace and quiet of this idyllic island. Yet, the roar of the motorcycle mixing with the chirping of birds is a familiar sound in these parts. Camiguin seems to be a natural home to motorcycles. Residents rent out their motorbikes to visitors who wish to explore the place on their own. There are hardly any passenger jeeps or buses on the island.

I have been meaning to visit this island province for the last 10 years. Lured by reports of its healing hot springs and endemic wild life, I thought of bringing my entire family during the October lanzones festival. But the absence of an easy, direct route to the island plus the difficulty of getting a reservation during that special week in October dissuaded me from taking the trip.

Outsiders know Camiguin principally for its active killer volcano and sweet lanzones. Mt. Hibok-hibok, which last erupted in 1951, looms over the island like an apocalyptic presence, and the lanzones tree, around whose fruit an annual grand festival has grown, does seem to thrive everywhere. The island's economy used to be fueled by copra, but the market for this commodity has shrunk over the years and the island's coconut trees have grown old and tall. To Camiguin's local officials, tourism seems to be the last card available to perk up a dormant economy.

But what can the island's prime selling point be? Surely it cannot be its beaches. While its waters are calm and clear, its shoreline is not sandy like that of Bohol, Boracay, or Palawan. Its waves do not have the same power that draws intrepid surfers to Siargao. There are no fabulous dive sites here as in Anilao or Tubbataha. Why would tourists come all the way to Camiguin?

I think Governor Romualdo had the beginnings of an answer. Camiguin is not your usual sand, sea and sun holiday destination, he says. It is an old settled community with a distinctive history, beckoning to visitors to stay forever. The ruins of the Guiob Church in Catarman stand as a mute witness to a thriving Spanish settlement that suddenly vanished in the 1871 volcanic eruption. The walls of the church are overgrown by trees and ferns but the charm of a not-so-distant past is palpable. A whole heritage awaits excavation.

Because a live volcano dominates it, the island has a geological significance that gives it its unique character. Unlike most islands, Camiguin is blessed with an abundant supply of fresh water. Hot and cold springs flow everywhere and with so much force that in some places faucets must remain open to prevent pipes from busting. There is an old house in Agoho in the capital town of Mambajao that has been able to tap a source of what locals call natural "soda water." The clear liquid is slightly sweetish, subtly sparkling, and is possibly laced with sulfur. The octogenarian couple who live in the house say they have drunk this water all their lives and have never had any stomach trouble.

The whole island may itself have been formed by a volcanic eruption from underneath the sea. I can imagine the wide range of plant and animal species inhabiting this fertile land. On my first day at the resort, I was mesmerized by an emerald green lizard that I had not previously seen anywhere. In the lush vegetation surrounding the majestic Katibawasan Falls, I spotted an unusual-looking frog that leapt out of the mist like Spiderman. I hear all kinds of birds everywhere on the crowns of coconut trees and atop ancient molaves and lauans. And I became convinced that Camiguin's drawing power is not so much its historic coast but its mysterious interior.

I can imagine a variety of futures for Camiguin, all of which are easily within reach when the long shadow of the Abu Sayyaf kidnappings finally lifts from the islands of this beautiful archipelago. It is certainly ironic, if not sad, that a tranquil place like Camiguin, whose jails have never held more than 10 law-breakers at a time, should be on the avoidance list of foreign advisories just because the island happens to be located off Mindanao's northern tip.

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Poetry and 'jihad'

COMMENTARY

Belinda A. Aquino

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The quality of discourse, as we say in academia, on the war on terrorism has been quite diverse, ranging from polemical to jingoistic. But a recent essay by David Rohde in The New York Times offers yet another window into the al-Qaida phenomenon—a literary analysis.

Last October when US military forces rained bombs on Kabul in retaliation to Sept. 11, al-Qaida warriors were on the run. When the smoke cleared, a most unusual "find" turned up in one of the abandoned buildings on Kabul. It was a three-page printed poem titled, "The Travail of a Child Who Has Left the Land of the Holy Shrines." Sounds like the title of a medieval morality play. Rohde characterizes the poem as "a tale of betrayal, exile and siege, cast as a mournful conversation between father and son."

It would have escaped notice by the invading forces except for one thing. The poem was written by two authors: "the poet Dr. Abdar-Rahman al-Ashmawi and Sheik Osama bin Laden." Hello!

The New York Times enlisted three Arabic literature experts to analyze the poem and they concluded that Bin Laden most likely wrote the last half of the verses, probably after the US bombardment of Kabul in October.

These verses allude to Bin Laden's migration westward from Saudi Arabia presumably to a "land where flows the Nile" (obviously Sudan) and further eastward (Afghanistan). Khartoum and Kabul are mentioned in the poem. The poem in the ruins, Rohde notes, "appears to be another example of Mr. Bin Laden trying to use poetry, a revered art form in the Muslim world, to further his cause and burnish his image as a pan-Islamic warrior, savior and muse."

Apparently in February 2001, during the wedding of one of his sons in Afghanistan, Bin Laden read a poem celebrating the Islamic attack on the US destroyer Cole in October 2000, in which several American sailors were killed. Then again in November 2001 following the Sept. 11 disaster, Bin Laden was put on air by al-Jezeera hailing the attack on the World Trade Center.

One of the literary experts who reviewed the poem, Prof. Issa Boullata of McGill University in Montreal, has this insight on Bin Laden: "He wants to show he is a leader and he knows the culture, and he is using the medium which the traditional society accepts." Boullata and the other experts note that it was written in classical Arabic used in the Koran, which carries the weight of religious authority and popular appeal. "Even those who are not literate people, who cannot read, when this kind of Arabic is read to them they understand it....because they recite the Koran every day."

Poetry obviously is a common form of expression in the Islamic world even by those engaged in jihad (loosely translated as "holy war"). Rohde reports that more than a dozen handwritten poems in Arabic, Urdu and Pashto were found abandoned in safehouses, training camps and trenches in Afghanistan after the US offensive. One of the Arabic poems has a line that translates to, "The cross has been smashed with the Koran's pick axe." Another, obviously referring to the attacks on the World Trade twin towers, runs like this: "Their fingers turned, steering a plane towards the citadels—the refuge of crows." Others had similar political and emotional themes. The place was bursting with poetry.

For lack of space, I will reproduce only portions of the second half of the "exile and betrayal" poem, believed to have been written by Osama bin Laden:

I have migrated westward
To a land where flows the Nile.
Of Khartoum I love the character,
But I was not permitted to reside.
So then I traveled eastward
Where there are men of radiant brows.
Kabul holds its head up high
Despite the hardship and the danger.
Kabul, with a smiling face,
Offers all-comers shelter and help.

"Why, father, have they sent
These missiles, thick as rain,
Showing mercy neither to a child
Nor to a man shattered by old age?
Father, what has happened
So your likenesses are on placards?
Is your redeeming of an ancient house
A crime that cannot be forgiven?"

"It is a world of criminality, my son
Where children are, like cattle, slaughtered.
Zion is murdering my brothers
And the Arabs hold a congress!
They are America's henchmen,
Blinded and devoid of vision.

This, by your Lord, is a major brand
Of shame to be recorded,
A treachery being pieced together-
Is our defense to come from traitors
I swear by God the great
That I shall fight the infidel!"

Another of the literary experts, Professor Cachia, concludes that the poem is "purely favoring classical tradition, not anything modern." Osama bin Laden, it will be recalled, bewailed the demise of the caliphate, the era of Muslim glory after Muhammad's death in the 7th century. He wants to recreate it.

History has seen revolutionaries come and go. And many were poets. It would seem that poetry is part of their apocalyptic or romantic vision, their redemption.

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THEY SAID

From the mouth of babes

"We want a world fit for children, because a world fit for us is a world fit for everyone."
—Bolivian girl Gabriela Asurudy Arrieta said before the United Nations General Assembly during the children's summit

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TALK of the TOWN

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Why are women attracted to priests?

JAIME Cardinal Sin's admission that he had turned down a young American woman's proposal to sleep with him when he was a young priest highlights the reality that women do fall for men of the cloth.

Women get enamored of priests because they know how to listen and to show concern. Priests are trained for that. The attraction does not end there. Women also see priests as confident, smart, understanding and sensitive.

Then, there's the lure of the forbidden. Certain women find the challenge of breaking a taboo exciting. So they advertise themselves before the objects of their affection.

And priests, many of whom are no different from men driven by testosterone, respond to the advertising. Some give in to their desires, rejecting Sin's advice of either taking a cold shower or using White Flower, a liniment, to control their sexual urges.

Problems arise when they violate their vow of chastity. Some may face legal suits when they sire children but do not provide them financial support.

To avoid these problems, a number of priests in the country give up their cassocks and marry the women they love.

'Forbidden things are the more desirable'

By Rosette

WHY are some women attracted to priests? That's an easy one. I'm a 27-year-old Filipina who hears Mass everyday. Having a good-looking priest giving a sermon at the altar makes the hour more interesting. Besides, what they say about forbidden things being all the more desirable. That's very true. It makes things more exciting.

So picture this: a religious young woman, a good-looking priest, sexual tension. You've got the ingredients for a Mills & Boon novel type of relationship. And isn't this what all those love songs keep singing about? Passionate love, the ache of longing? Forbidden lovers?

On a more realistic note, it really isn't hard to become enamored of a priest. It's his job to listen to you; to soothe your soul; to bring you closer to your Maker; and to be good to you. These are the skills that the rest of the male population—those that aren't priests, that is—can't seem to master.

But getting involved with a priest is no simple matter. I bore a priest a son and the lessons I learned because of this I would carry with me until the day I die.

Cute

I wasn't even attracted to him when I first saw him. It was a small town. There were many other cuter priests around. But he was snobbish and quiet. He would talk to my friends but not to me. Maybe that intrigued me.

One day I attended our common friend's birthday party. I saw him at the bar mixing drinks. He wasn't wearing his priest's uniform, of course. I came over and was very surprised when he spoke to me. That started it all. We became very close friends.

I had just graduated from college then and had found a job, which was a bit far from the place where we live. So everyday when I got home we would talk on the phone for hours.

One day, when we were together, I asked him if he was attracted to someone. I mean, they are normal people and have their attractions, right? He smiled at me and said, "*Hindi naman maiiwasan 'yon.*"

That really intrigued me. So I always asked him about it every time we spoke on the phone. Well, one day he relented and gave me the girl's favorite song. I got scared because he gave my favorite song. I pretended not to notice and thought of other girls who liked my favorite song.

I was all the more surprised when he hung up on me. Imagine that! Maybe he got angry because I was laughing at him. At that moment I realized that I felt the same way. I was convinced that we were soulmates.

Oh, I knew that it was wrong. But because of my foolishness, I opened myself to the idea. What mattered was that we were going to be happy.

Cloud 9

Let's call him Ernest, shall we? Well, Fr. Ernest and I started dating but we didn't tell our common friends. *Para akong nasa* Cloud 9. But we had to pretend we were just friends in public and that was difficult. Finally, we gave in to our wants and went to Tagaytay to have sex. He was the first man I made love to. I fell so deeply in love with him. I loved him more than my life.

The day I found out I was pregnant, I was happy and sad at the same time. His reaction? He asked me how it could have happened. He was stunned and he backed off emotionally.

I didn't expect him to react that way. So I wept for months. I got no support from him the whole time I was pregnant. I felt devastated and I asked myself, "*Nasaan yung taong minahal ko* and why is he not with me?"

The day I was supposed to deliver our baby, I saw him and he gave me some money. But emotionally, he was very cold to me.

If I didn't have my child to think about, I would have been totally miserable. Every time I went out of my house, I felt that possibly people were talking about me. I also struggled financially because he never offered to help me support our child. How could a good person turn his back on his responsibilities? But I've learned to squash my paranoia. I have withstood everything on my own with a little help from my family and from God.

I guess if you can love that much you can endure all the pain as well.

My son is now two years old and my pain is having to bring him up without a father.

I know it's partly my fault that this happened. It's too late for the two of us to blame each other.

Despite what had happened, I would even thank him for all the pain and sufferings I have endured. Christ died for him, too. I have become a stronger person. The only thing I pray for is that when my child grows up he will be able to understand what we had done.

In spite of everything, I will not allow him to come out of the priesthood. It's enough that I carry the burden of having his child. Another blow like that will really drive me crazy. Some people would think I'm right and others would say I'm wrong; I really don't mind what they think. All my concerns focus on my child and the kind of life I would give him. All I know is I have loved and felt loved, which is better than not having loved at all.

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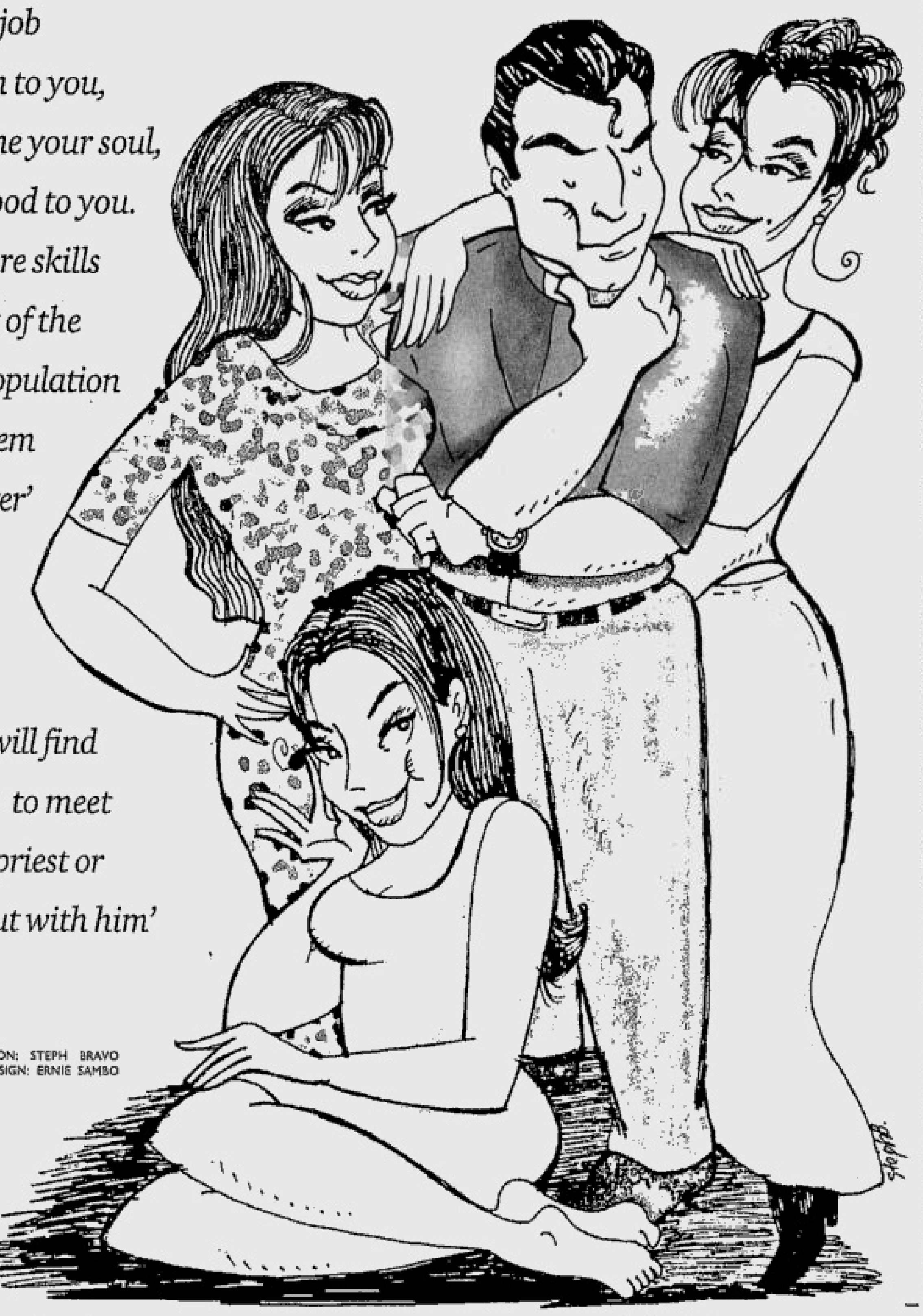

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'Women see priests as refined, confident, sensitive; smart'

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I DON'T know if any survey has been con-ducted on this question, or if any one would care to undertake it, much less be interested in the results for whatever purpose. I guess it could just as well be asked with reference to any profession or group of men—as in, why are women attracted to doctors, or lawyers, or men in uniform.

In this case, why are women attracted to men of the cloth? Does being a priest invest a man with qualities that enhance his appeal to women? For sure, the best respondents to such questions are the women themselves. The most that a priest can hope to offer are insights and unverified conclusions gleaned from experiences—not necessarily his, one might add—in interacting with the opposite sex.

Warning

During our seminary days, one of our professors warned us, "*Mag-ingat kayo* because women will be running after you. *Kahit pangit, basta pari hinahabol.*" I don't recall the context in which he said that, whether this was backed by studies or by his experiences, but I do recall us seminarians having a good round of teasing and laughter over it.

Yes, we talked about it, but it was nothing serious. We were normal boys, going through what was normally part of the adolescent stage—we had crushes, we flirted, had occasional flings. Did we think it was easier to attract girls because we were boys studying for the priesthood? I don't think so. Those of us who were serious about our vocations, however, did not get seriously involved in relationships, and pursued our studies and persevered in our formation all the way to ordination.

But are there really women especially attracted to priests? I would say there are. Why? In my opinion, and based on experiences of priests themselves, the reasons can be summed up in four points.

First is physical appearance. In general, women perceive priests as men who are refined, neat, and who practice clean living—in short, "*may dating.*"

Ideal man

Second, women see in the priest the ideal—an "ideal man," confident, smart, fluent, understanding, sensitive. One might say he possesses all the qualities a woman seeks in a man. They see this during Mass, when the priest gives insightful sermons, or during conversations when he carries on intelligent discussions.

Third is the strength and firmness they perceive in a priest, when he exudes the aura of conviction, in opinion and principles.

And finally, the attraction of a challenge, the lure of the forbidden. Knowing they can't have him sweetens the chase and sweetens even more the prize. I remember a woman who confided in me that to her the "ideal husband" is a priest. That for her was a basic qualification—and it seems she did go after this "ideal," for she ended up marrying a priest.

Confession

While there are women who are especially attracted to priests, there is no way for the priest to perceive it unless the women make their feelings known. And yes, there are some who are more aggressive than others. Some give veiled hints—*yung nagpapahiwatig o nagbibigay ng motibo*. There have been instances where a woman, under the pretext of seeking counseling, will confess or confide that she has fallen in love with a priest, only to reveal later that he is the one she is referring to.

Some will find occasions and excuses to meet with a priest or go out with him. And then, of course, there are women who actually lavish expensive gifts on a priest, with the hope of winning his friendship, affection and eventually love.

Such experiences are part of the life of a priest—as I surmise they are part of any man's life. The crucial question for a priest, as for any man for that matter, is how he responds to them. My own response has been to remind the woman, "I am a priest and I'm proud of and committed to my vocation. There are a lot of other men out there."

Being a priest experiencing these things is in truth terrifying. If the priest has a weak foundation, it is easy to give in. I'm grateful that I have been able to overcome such potentially critical situations by standing firm, by believing in my vows and by praying.

'It's the appeal of what mimetics calls distinction-meme'

By Edicio de la Torre
Former priest

WHY do women fall in love with priests? "Before you asked me the question, I thought I knew the answer." Saint Augustine was supposed to have answered when asked, "What is time?"

Why do women fall in love with priests? I thought I should know. I am a former priest (or still a priest, if we insist on theological precision), but now laicized and happily married.

"Sorry, I did not," she says matter-of-factly.

Oh. So I ask her to help me out. We do a quick scan of priests we know, and whose partners we also know. I didn't realize there are so many.

Next day I checked with a couple of women-friends—a social psychologist, a former nun, an activist-feminist, an HRD consultant.

Here are some of our conversations. No grand theories, just stories.

Chosen few

"Women get attracted to priests like they get attracted to the military – men in uniform." How's that? They stand out, belong to a select company, the chosen few. It's the appeal of what mimetics calls "distinction-meme." I recall a seminarian who thought a *colegiala* really loved him. He left to pursue her, but when he lost his cassock, she lost interest.

"Women get attracted to priests like they get attracted to married men. Married men are more mature, and know how to make love and make money, unlike young singles who are still inexperienced, *medyo hilaw pa.*" But older priests are not necessarily experienced in making love and making money, I comment. "But they are better at listening and more caring." Father figures?

Probable truth

"What about the idea of forbidden fruit being more attractive?" Maybe. What seems to make sense, to me at least, is the combination—the contradiction—of representing excitement and security. It's a personal indicator for me of probable truth, when there is contradiction.

"It is the pastoral training. Priests know how to listen, pay attention, show concern." A mischievous addition— "Maybe some transference happens, since we kneel and worship in front of the altar, and the priest is there in between."

More reflectively, "It's mainly shared experience and values." Most partnerships we know are like that: activist to activist-priest, pastoral worker to pastor, counselor to counselor-priest, even artist to artist-priest. But there are some partnerships of contrasting personalities to prevent us from getting too stuck in this theory.

So far, the question seems to be "What is it in priests that make women fall in love with them?" What if the question is "What is it in women that makes them fall in love with priests?"

Most of us agree that it's not really priesthood as such. It's the many different reasons why women fall in love with men, and which the priests involved happen to share. It makes sense to me. *Yan ang sabi nila.*

(Editor's note: *Meme* ("meem" rhymes with dream) is an information pattern held in an individual's memory capable of being copied to another individual's memory. Considered a basic building block of culture.

Mimetics is the science that studies the replication, spread and evolution of memes.)

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Jetliner crashes off Taiwan

TAIPEI—A Boeing 747 of Taiwan's China Airlines carrying 225 people crashed into the sea off Taiwan Saturday during a flight to Hong Kong, officials said.

One body and the wreckage had been found, TVBS television reported.

After presiding over a meeting of the government's emergency response team, Premier Yu Shyi-kun confirmed the plane had plunged into the sea off the island of Penghu, about 50 km west of Taiwan.

"Some life jackets have been found by rescuers floating some 25 nautical miles northeast of Penghu," Yu said.

Six helicopters and 10 coastguard and naval vessels were sent to the waters to search for any survivors, he said.

No survivors had been found yet, said Vice Transport Minister Chang Chia-chu.

"Rescuers on board an S-70C helicopter found a lot of oil floating some 20 nautical miles northeast of Makung," the biggest city in Penghu, he told reporters.

A C-130 transport aircraft involved in the rescue mission also spotted a door of the ill-fated aircraft floating on the water, Chang said.

China Airlines said flight CI611 disappeared from radar screens at 3:28 p.m. shortly after taking off from Taipei bound for Hong Kong.

Chang said the control tower at Taipei's Chiang Kai-shek airport had not received any messages of distress from the pilots before the plane crashed.

The minister would not speculate on the cause of the accident. Weather conditions were fine around Penghu when the plane went down.

The 225 people on board comprised 206 passengers, including three children, and 19 crew members.

A total of 190 passengers were Taiwanese, 14 came from Hong Kong and Macau, one was Singaporean and one European, a transport ministry official said without specifying the European's nationality.

Some 114 of the Taiwanese were in five separate tour groups, Hong Kong Cable TV said.

A CAL employee in Hong Kong said there had been about 30 calls to a hotline set up after the crash.

"We are continuing to receive calls inquiring about relatives and friends," he said.

China Airlines has a checkered safety record. It has reportedly had nine fatal accidents since 1970. *AFP*

US holiday weekend under terror threat

WASHINGTON—The United States entered the Memorial Day holiday weekend Friday under a steady stream of terrorism warnings, including a new threat to subways and trains.

The US Transportation Department this week issued an advisory to subway and train authorities "based on unconfirmed information from an intelligence agency that terrorists might be considering attacks on subway trains in the United States," said spokesperson Chet Lunner. *AFP*

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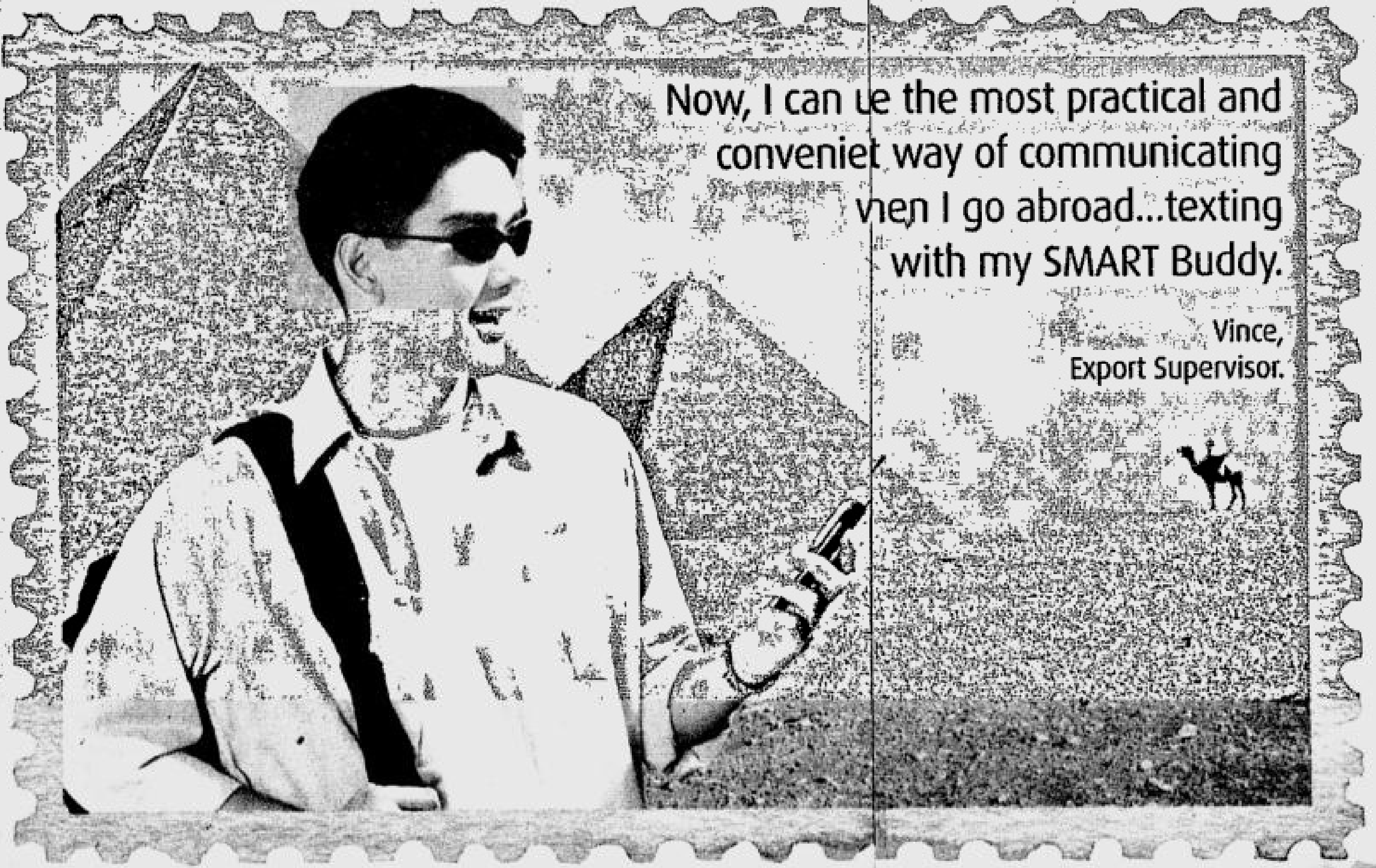

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PRESIDENT George W. Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin shake hands upon signing the Treaty of Moscow in St. Andrews Hall at the Kremlin May 24. REUTERS

Bush, Putin take 'fast-food' summit to St. Petersburg

MOSCOW—US President George W. Bush and Russian leader Vladimir Putin arrive in the Kremlin leader's native St. Petersburg on Saturday, swapping serious summitry for sightseeing and a boat tour in a city where the sun barely sets.

Nagging at them during what has otherwise been an upbeat summit is a dispute over whether Russia is assisting Iran's development of nuclear weapons by helping Tehran build a civilian nuclear power plant.

The Russian press cautiously welcomed the outcome of the summit, stressing its role in bringing the two nations closer together but remained skeptical about the ability of Moscow and Washington to become true partners.

"The presidents are cutting their nuclear potential in favor of the economic one," said the daily Izvestia.

Novy Izvestia called the meeting a "fast-food summit," noting that the ceremonial glitz could not hide lingering disagreements between the two leaders.

"The protocol part was a smashing hit but the quick-cooked triumph was marred by some barbs on issues supposed to be lying at the core of the new partnership."

Bush and Putin flew early on Saturday to St. Petersburg, Leningrad when Putin was born there in 1952, for a tour of the world-famous Hermitage museum. Bush will see a mere fraction of its three million objects, but will get a peek at masterpieces by Leonardo da Vinci, Rembrandt and other masters.

The two leaders will answer questions from students at St. Petersburg State University, an event similar to last November, when the Bush and Putin took questions from students at Crawford High School near Bush's Texas ranch.

In the evening, the two are to board an excursion boat called the "New Island" for a cruise up and down the Neva River to see the major historical landmarks in the pale light of the city's summer ``White Nights."

During early summer, the sun barely goes down in St. Petersburg, and the sky is twilight even at midnight.

The two leaders on Friday celebrated the Kremlin signing of the Treaty of Moscow, a landmark accord that over 10 years will reduce US-Russian arsenals of deployed nuclear warheads on long-range missiles by two-thirds.

But skulking in the background, and taking some of the shine off declarations of a new era in US-Russian relations, were differences over Iran.

The United States believes Russia is contributing to the single most important proliferation threat in the world by helping Tehran build a nuclear plant.

Bush said during the Friday news conference with Putin that Iran is "run by radical clerics," adding that if they were to get hold of weapons of mass destruction "it could be harmful to us and harmful to Russia."

Bush said he had received some assurances from Putin during their private talks about helping Iran. The Russian president did not elaborate, but instead pointed out that the United States is helping North Korea build a similar reactor. *Reuters*

BEIJING'S NEW HEADACHE

3 N. Koreans defect to Sokor Embassy

BEIJING/SEOUL—Three North Korean asylum-seekers were holed up in the South Korean consulate in Beijing on Saturday in the latest of a string of incidents highlighting the plight of tens of thousands of people hiding in China after fleeing hunger in their communist homeland.

Theirs was the first confirmed case of North Koreans making asylum bids in the mission of South Korea, posing a challenge to the South's attempts to balance its human rights concerns with a delicate diplomacy with old foe the North.

The South Korean foreign ministry said in Seoul it was in talks with Chinese authorities over the three defectors, the latest to seek refuge at foreign missions in China, but would not elaborate.

South Korean Embassy officials in Beijing declined to give any details on the fate of the three who entered, Seoul's consulate.

Said a South Korean consular official in Beijing: "I cannot tell you anything."

China's foreign ministry also had no comment on the incident, which came despite a blanket of security Beijing has thrown over its leafy embassy neighborhoods amid a string of embarrassing asylum attempts by defectors from its Communist ally Pyongyang.

A 40-year-old man entered the consular section of the South Korean Embassy on Thursday morning and a man and a woman, who appeared to be a married couple, dashed into it on Friday afternoon, reported a leading Seoul newspaper, Chosun Ilbo.

All were asking for asylum in South Korea.

The trio's would-be defection comes seven days before the start of the World Cup soccer finals, which some activists have vowed to use to highlight the problem of North Korean refugees by staging mass defections in China in front of the world media.

The trio's asylum bids also comes after five North Korean defectors arrived in Seoul on Thursday following two weeks of custody in China, which is embroiled in a bitter row with Japan over their case.

The three bring to 41 the number of North Koreans who have tried to defect by dashing into foreign diplomatic missions in China in the past two months.

Beijing has an agreement with Pyongyang to return escapees but has let a string of North Koreans who sought refuge in diplomatic missions travel to the South via third countries. *AP*

Pakistani leader hails missile test

ISLAMABAD—Pakistani military leader Gen. Pervez Musharraf on Saturday hailed as auspicious Pakistan's successful testing of a medium-range missile capable of carrying nuclear weapons deep into the territory of rival India.

"On this auspicious day, I want to give you auspicious news," Musharraf, who is also president, told Islamic scholars at a ceremony to mark the Prophet Mohammad's birthday.

"I want to convey to the entire nation and to you that today at around 9:30 a.m. we tested our indigenous Ghauri missile with a range of 1500 km," he said.

"It reached its target with great accuracy and great success," he said.

There was applause and Musharraf said "God is great" three times.

Nuclear-armed Pakistan and India have been locked in a tense confrontation on their border since a bloody raid on the Indian parliament in December that India blamed on Pakistan-based militants fighting its rule in Kashmir.

Tension rose sharply after a May 14 attack on an Indian Army camp in Kashmir that India blamed on the same Islamic groups it held responsible for the parliament attack.

Both sides have massed a million men along their border, backed by missile batteries, tanks and fighter planes, since December.

Musharraf, who did not mention India in his comments on Saturday, said in an interview broadcast on Friday he did not want war with his neighbor.

"Nobody, no sane person, would like to go to war," he told the British Broadcasting Corporation. "We hope good sense prevails on all sides." *Reuters*

Levy: Knotted leggings may mean foul play

WASHINGTON—Chandra Levy, the intern whose body was found in a Washington park this week more than a year after her highly publicized disappearance, may have been tied up with her running clothes, the Washington Post reported on Saturday.

Her family's lawyer said, if true, the report would help prove that Levy, 24 when she disappeared, was murdered.

Her disappearance captured the country's attention last summer, with lurid reports linking her to Rep. Gary Condit, a California Democrat who represented her home district.

Levy's skeletal remains were found by a man walking his dog in a wooded area of Rock Creek Park, which runs through the middle of northwest Washington and is a popular area for joggers, bikers and walkers.

The Post quoted law enforcement sources as saying a pair of stretch leggings, found near Levy's remains, were knotted in a way that suggested they might have been used to tie her up.

"If it is true, it goes a long way in proving that Chandra did not die in Rock Creek Park by accident," Billy Martin, the Washington attorney for the Levy family, was quoted as saying. *Reuters*

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Civil officials zero in on pedophile priests

PHILADELPHIA—Months after the current pedophilia scandal erupted in the US Roman Catholic Church, civil authorities are suddenly moving to the front line of efforts to crack down on abusive priests, experts said on Friday.

This week, two priests were arrested on sex-abuse charges in New York City and rural Maryland. The case of a third, who was shot and wounded, allegedly by a man claiming to be one of his victims, has come under new scrutiny by Baltimore authorities.

In Massachusetts, where the defrocked priest John Geoghan was convicted of sex abuse and sentenced to prison in January, authorities recently arrested another priest from the Boston Archdiocese and say they could announce charges against at least one more.

"If you look at the activity that's taken place in the law enforcement community across the country over the last several months, it's nothing less than a sea change," said New Jersey lawyer Stephen Rubino, a pioneer of church abuse cases who has been representing alleged victims for more than a decade.

"It seems as though the secular media and secular law enforcement are, at this point, some of the best mechanisms to clean it up," said Chuck Colbert, who has been covering the scandal for the National Catholic Reporter.

The pedophilia scandal in the US Church began last January when The Boston Globe forced the release of sealed court documents containing evidence that the Archdiocese of Boston had moved known pedophile priests between parishes.

The disclosure prompted an unprecedented meeting between US cardinals and Pope John Paul II at the Vatican. But Boston Cardinal Bernard Law has continued to face calls for his resignation from Catholics who see a need for serious reform. *Reuters*

Suicide bomber's mission foiled

TEL AVIV—A Palestinian tried to crash a car bomb into a packed Tel Aviv nightclub on Friday but a guard shot him dead, thwarting the fourth suicide attack on Israel in a week.

An Israeli soldier was killed and two others hurt in an Army raid on the West Bank city of Tulkarm during which eight Palestinians were also wounded.

The violence flared as US President George W. Bush was visiting Russia, where he and President Vladimir Putin affirmed their commitment to international talks on Middle East peace.

The language in their statement was vague and avoided the word "conference" to describe a regional meeting expected this summer that Israel says must not decide any core issues.

Arabs and Palestinians want any meeting to start implementing a Saudi-inspired land-for-peace plan. *Reuters*

Singapore ma gets 36 years for daughter's rape

SINGAPORE—A Singaporean mother was sentenced to 36 years in jail for helping her lover molest her nine-year-old daughter for five years and debasing "all notions of motherhood," a report said Saturday.

The woman, who was not named to protect the girl's identity, had said she allowed her married lover to rape her daughter because of her love for him, the Straits Times said.

The man was also ordered jailed for 36 years and caned 24 times. The woman was spared the cane as women are not caned in Singapore.

Prosecutors had argued the mother be given the same penalty as the man because she had betrayed the "inherent trust" placed on her by her daughter.

"It debases all notions of motherhood when a mother watches and participates in the rape of her young daughter by her lover," Judicial Commissioner Tay Yong Kwang said Friday in passing the sentence, one of the harshest in recent years. *AFP*

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2 groups fight over Korean's release

COTABATO CITY—Two groups holding Korean national Jae Kwon Yoon are in a struggle whether or not to release their captive without ransom.

"One group is pushing for the release of Jae without ransom while the other is insisting the victim will only gain freedom in exchange for an amount," Senior Supt. Bartolome Baluyot, Central Mindanao police chief, told Radio dxMS from General Santos City.

Baluyot said a team from the Office of Presidential Adviser for Mindanao Jesus Dureza was already in Sarangani province working for the release of the victim who was kidnapped on Feb. 6.

He said the negotiating panel, in coordination with Korean diplomatic officials, will insist on the government's no-ransom policy in securing the victim's release, even for "board and lodging."

The kidnappers were reportedly asking P5 million from a P10-million original demand.

Police and military operatives killed five of the suspected kidnappers in the mountains of Maitum town in Sarangani last weekend.

Supt. Abubakar Mangelen, Sultan Kudarat police chief, said the abductors of Jae have been moving in the boundaries of Sultan Kudarat and Saranggani.

Mangelen said while the police and military troops were vigorously pursuing the suspects led by a certain Commander Kambat of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front lost command group, civilian officials and police authorities were employing the diplomatic approach to ensure the safety of the victim.

Jae and Gen. Santos City-based hotel owner Carlos Belonio were in the boundary of Palembang in Sultan Kudarat and Maitum in February to negotiate the possible exploration of nickel bars, when abducted.

Police said a misunderstanding over the down payment for exploration led to the kidnapping. Belonio was freed without ransom in March. ***Edwin O. Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

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Restaurant construction at historical site stopped

BALAYAN, Batangas—The Department of Environment and Natural Resources has finally ordered a stop to the construction of the McDonald's fast-food restaurant in the patio of the Immaculate Conception Church here after strong opposition by the National Historical Institute and the National Museum.

The NHI has declared the church a historical landmark and maintained that the patio is part of it, and like all natural treasures, should be protected.

The restaurant's construction, which started on Oct. 25 last year, also stopped on Dec. 11 due to a cease-and-desist order by the DENR Southern Tagalog office for not having an environment compliance certificate (ECC).

On March 20, the DENR ruled in favor of the Golden Arches Development Corp., the local franchise holder of McDonald's International, and issued an ECC.

Five days after the issuance of the permit, construction resumed until DENR Secretary Heherson Alvarez himself issued the order to stop the construction of the fast-food restaurant on May 13.

The National Museum, with the cooperation of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, has also declared the Balayan church as one of the 26 churches considered national treasures.

The church was constructed in 1710 under the Franciscan priests.

But Balayan parish priest Fr. Ernesto Mandanas, maintained that only the church structure, excluding the patio, was declared as a historical landmark.

The parish, which leased an area of 400 square meters on the right side of the patio, according to Mandanas, is 50 to 60 meters away from the church.

He made the clarification after some parishioners complained to the media that the smell of cooking burger patties, French fries, and fried chicken would reach the people hearing Mass.

The area has been leased at P72,000 per month for 10 years.

Mandanas said half of the rent money would go to the construction of the Home for Aged Priests while the other half will fund the religious instructional materials and religion teachers' salary. ***Mei Magsino, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau***

4 priests lose phones, cash to robbers

BAGUIO CITY—Barely a month after armed men abducted a German couple in Banaue, Ifugao, four priests lost on Tuesday their cell phones, cash and jewelry to robbers at a favorite tourist spot in the town, police said.

Senior Insp. Clint Bayacsan, chief for operations of the regional police office, said Rev. Lino de Castro and his three companions were on their way to attend an ordination ceremony in Bontoc, Mt. Province, when three armed men flagged down their Toyota van and took away three cellular phones, jewelry and at least P1,500 cash.

The priests were passing the same route where Jose and Claudia Melo were abducted on April 21.

Bayacsan said investigators had yet to ascertain whether the same group of armed men was behind the two incidents. Police arrested five suspected abductors of the Melo couple on Sunday.

Purificacion Molintas, Department of Tourism director in the Cordillera, said they have been coordinating with the military and police in monitoring the peace situation and security in tourist spots in the region.

"Holdups happen everywhere in the world. They happen in cities such as Rome, Paris, and New York and other places that are frequented by tourists. Cordillera cannot be spared from those," she said. ***Desiree Caluza and Jovelyn Reyes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau***

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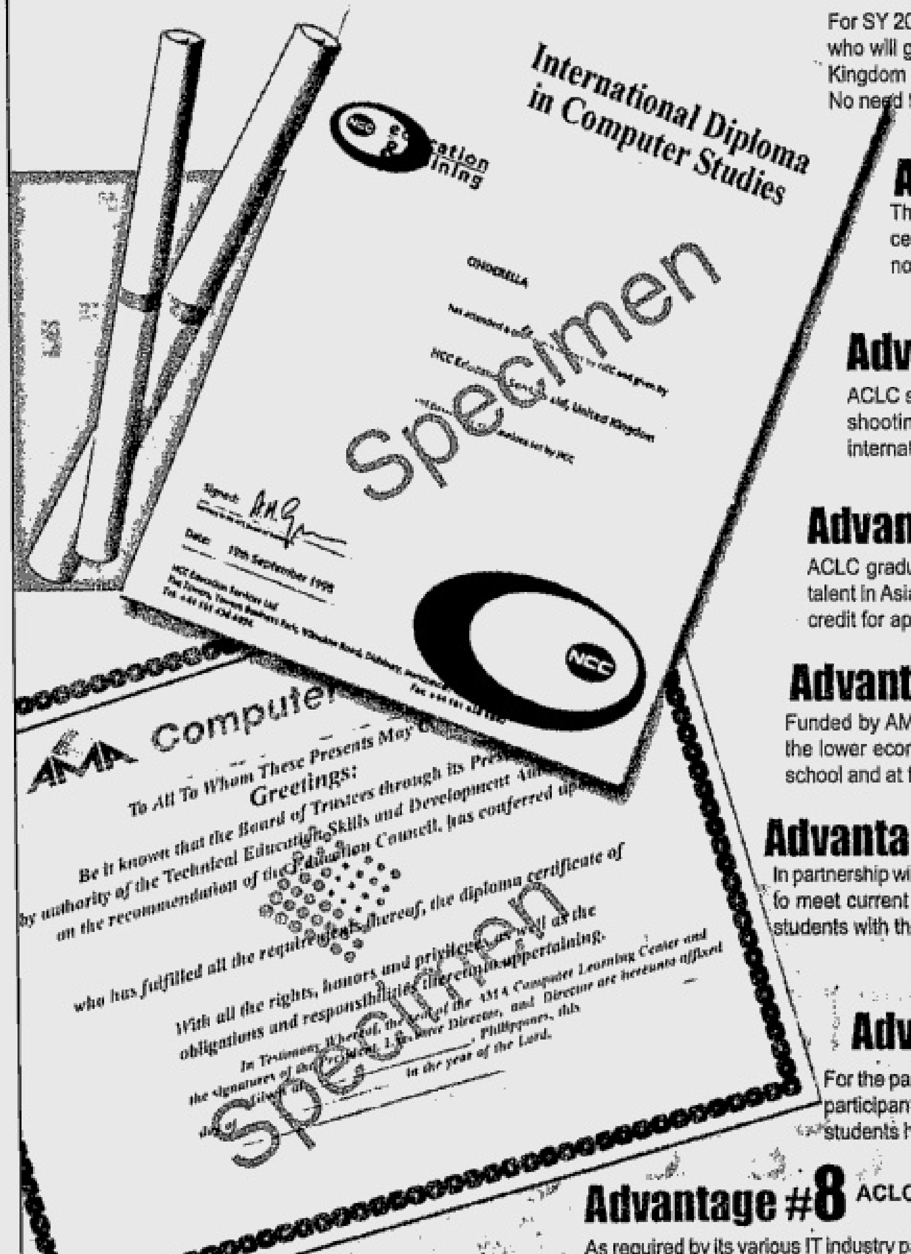
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Hacienda Luisita workers rally

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HACIENDA LUISITA, Tarlac City—More than 2,000 hacienda workers marched to City Hall here on Thursday to protest the reduction of their working days in this sugar plantation owned by the family of former President Corazon Aquino.

"All of us have suffered after the Cojuangcos authorized only 144 man-days of work per week for the more than 300 farmers in our barangay," said Eldie Pingol, a councilor of Barangay Balete.

The hacienda's work scheme allows just a half-day's work per week per worker.

"What are we going to do with that measly sum of less than P100?" Pingol said.

The workers receive P194.50 a day. According to the workers, the hacienda management is planning to slash the number of man-days per week to 57 for Barangay Balete.

"The hardships suffered by the plantation workers are driving some women to trade sex for work," Pingol said.

Romeo Eclaera, Hacienda Luisita Inc. corporate affairs officer, said there was no management plan to reduce man-days other than what was contained in the collective bargaining agreement.

He said the Cojuangco family was doing its best to uplift the welfare of farm workers. Management was trying to implement a more equitable distribution of work and give more benefits to workers like medical and educational assistance, loans, housing, and other benefits, he said.

He attributed the problem to the low-level technology being used in the sugar industry which, he said, has hardly improved over the past century.

The country's sugar industry has recovered from the 1997 Asian financial crisis but is now facing stiff competition from countries like Thailand which uses advanced technology and can produce sugar at lower cost, he explained.

Hacienda Luisita sits on an erstwhile 6,000-hectare agricultural land, majority of which had been reclassified into industrial land.

Mayor Genaro Mendoza promised the workers that he would personally ask the Cojuangcos to sit down with the workers to resolve the issues.

Councilor Henry de Leon, chair of the city council's committee on public works and zonification, said it was unlikely that more Cojuangco lands would be approved for reclassification into industrial estates.

"We are dying not from bullets, but from acute work shortage," Joel David, a plantation worker, said as he joined hundreds of farm workers here for the fourth straight day in a rally to protest the reduction of working days.

Anita Flores, 56, who has been working in the hacienda for almost 40 years, said the 200 workdays a year were guaranteed for each farm worker in the early 1960s.

She said the workdays were gradually decreased over the years and the recent reduction meant that work would be available for only one day a week.

She warned that more people would be further driven into poverty and that social unrest, criminality and prostitution might once again hound the hacienda if the situation was not corrected.

Hacienda Luisita is one of the biggest sugar estates in the country. It was acquired by the Cojuangcos from the original Spanish owners in 1957.

Ildefonso Pingul, a plantation foreman and a barangay council member, said the implementation of the stock distribution scheme and the large-scale conversion of farm lands into non-agricultural use were the main culprits in the reduction of working days.

"Instead of land, we were given scraps of paper (stock certificates). Management promised that we would be co-owners of the hacienda. This is farthest from the truth," he said.

At year's end, they were given sums ranging from P700 to P3,000 as stock dividends, Pingul said.

The stock distribution scheme (SDS) was first implemented at the hacienda in 1989 as part of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program, the centerpiece program of the Aquino administration.

Before the scheme was implemented, the workers were asked in a referendum to choose between land distribution and the stock option scheme. The SDS won overwhelmingly.

Since then, almost 2,000 hectares had been converted for commercial, industrial and residential use. The farm workers claimed that the decrease in the hectarage being planted to sugar cane led to the reduction of available work at the hacienda.

Center to help Pinoys deported from Malaysia

ZAMBOANGA CITY—A "processing center" has been built here to address the health and other needs of Filipinos repatriated from Malaysia and Indonesia.

Parisya Taradji, Social Welfare and Development regional director, said more than 10,000 Filipinos have been deported from Malaysia since January, after that country started arresting illegal entrants.

Bureau of Immigration chief Andrea Domingo on Tuesday said she had pleaded with the Malaysian and Indonesian governments to be "more humane in treating our people, especially those who are repatriated back to the Philippines."

Last month, three babies died while on their way to the Philippines after the Malaysian Royal Police arrested their parents and sent them back here.

Domingo said her appeal was addressed to Indonesian Consul General Bambang Pangestoc and Malaysian Consul Mohktar Mohammad.

Taradji said most of those repatriated were from Basilan, Sulu and Tawi-tawi. ***Julie S. Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

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(NAPAKASAKIT KUYA NOLI!)

Ang inyo pong lingkod ay lubos na nalulungkot sa naging palabas ng Magandang Gabi Bayan ni Noli de Castro sa ABS-CBN Channel 2 noong nakaraang Sabado Mayo 11, 2002, kung saan, pinagdudahan ang bisa ng Lucky Pyramid at binatikos ang inyong lingkod dahil ayon sa MGB, ako lamang daw ang yumayaman sa Lucky Pyramid.

Sa kabila po ng payo ng aking Doktor na magpahinga dahil ako ay nagkasakit ng tikdas (nahawa po ako sa isa sa mga bisita kong customer), ay pinilit kong paunlakan ang kahilingan ng MGB Crew na ako'y ma interview at bigyan sila ng sapat na kaalaman tungkol sa aking imbensyong pampa swerteng Lucky Pyramid. Ngunit sa kabila po ng kagandahang loob at pagpapaunlak sa kanila ay paninira sa aking propesyon bilang Enhenyero, Imbentor/ Scientist at pagyurak sa aking dangal bilang tao ang kanila pang ginanti.

Lagi ko pong sinasabi sa lahat ng mg taong lumalapit sa akin na palaging isa puso at isip ang mga positibong bagay at wag mag-isip ng masama o negatibo sa kapwa sapagkat naniniwala po ako na dito natin matatamasa ang tunay na pag-unlad ng ating sarili at sa kabuuhan ng ating bayan.

Subalit pagkatapos kung mapanood ang MGB noong araw na yon, dumating po sa punto, sa kauna-unahang pagkakataon na gusto ko nang tapusin ang aking buhay. Tinanong ko po ang sarili, at kay "GOD" kung bakit sa kabila ng mga pagtulong at pagbibigay inspirasyon sa libu-libong mga kababayan na wala ng pag-asa sa buhay dahil sa laksang problema sa pag-ibig, hanap-buhay, negosyo at labis na kahirapan ay ganito pala ang mapapala ko. Sa ilang sandali pala pwedeng wasakin ng isang programa sa telebisyon ang buo mong pagkatao na sinikap mong pangalagaan ng maraming taon.

Nasa ganito po akong sitwasyon at halos buo na ang aking pasya ng biglang nag ring ang aking Cellfone. Bandang alas otso ng umaga ng Linggo Mayo 12, 2002 isa sa aking mga staff ang nasakabilang linya at pinabatid sa akin na dagsa na ang tao sa aming maliit na opisina upang magbigay ng suporta sa akin (karamihan sa kanila aya ayong mga natulungan natin na umasenso sa buhay dahil sa Lucky Pyramid), at nakapagtataka na lalong dumami ang gustong bumili sa Lucky Pyramid at subukan ang bisa nito. Talagang taliwas sa aking inaasahan dahil na rin sa ginawang pambatikos ng MGB sa akin at sa Lucky Pyramid.

Naluha ako, unti-unting napalitan ng galak ang aking pagkalugmok dahil sa kaganapang ito. Dahil dito, unti-unting nagbalik ang sigla ng aking kalooban at napagtanto ko na sadyang di ka pababayaan ng Panginoon sa oras ng iyong kapighatian kung ikaw ay may mabuting kalooban.

Kaya naman po, sa kabila ng ginawa sa akin ng MGB, nagpapasalamat pa rin po ako sapagkat mas lalo kong napatunayan na sa kabila ng ilang mga taong naglatawa sa akin mas marami pa rin ang nagpapahayag ng kanilang pagsuporta sa akin kahit sa text, tawag sa telepono at ang iba ay personal na pumunta sa akin. Hindi po ako marunong magbilang ng aking mga natulungan, ngunit ngayon, tiyak ko po napakarami pala nila. At ayon sa kanila lubos silang natulungan ng Lucky Pyramid. Maging ang panalangin nila sa ating Panginoon ay nanunbalik at sumigla.

Wala po akong galit sa MGB at sa Host ng programa na si Sen. Noli de Castro, (di po natin siya masisisi dahil binabasa lamang niya kung ano ang nasa script na gawa ng kanyang staff). Subalit kung mas naging masinop lamang po ang kanyang mga staff sa paghahanap ng mga taong tunay na pinalad at sinuwerte dahil sa Lucky Pyramid. Naiwasan sanang makasakit ng kapwa tao ang kanilang programa.

Mataas po ang aking pagtingin sa mga mamamahayag at media, sapagkat ang ama ko po (Juliano Centeno), ay isang peryodista (Manila Times) noong bago mag Martial Law. Subalit meron palang pagkakataong tulad nito na mabibiktima ka ng tinatawag nating "irresponsible media". Ang SAKIT! Ang sakit Kuya Noli.

Sa una pa po ay wala tayong pinilit na tao na maniwala sa aking imbensyong Lucky Pyramid, subalit sa napakarami nating kababayan na nangangailangan ng tulong lalo ang mga may problema dulot ng labis na kahirapan ng buhay, sisikapin po nating makatulong sa abot ng aking makakaya. Hanggat may mga naniniwala sa akin na sila ay matutulungan ko sa pamamagitan ng aking mga imbensyon, di ko ito pagkakait.

Hindi po ako isang Senador, at hindi ko kailangan maging isang Senador o Politiko para makatulong, sa katunayan po ako ay isang simpleng tao lang subalit nagsisikap na makatulong sa kapwa at maibahagi ang kaunti kong galing sa ika-uunlad ng ating bayan.

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Camarines lacks 134 teachers, facilities

NAGA CITY—The Department of Education Camarines Sur Division Office is hounded by lack of teachers, classrooms, desks and chairs as the June 3 opening of public schools fast approaches, an official here said.

Severino A. Villadares Jr., DepEd Camarines Sur planning officer on details, said that as of Thursday, some 134 teachers were needed to fill up the requirement of an increase in the number of pupils enrolled, from 239,261 in the last school year to 241,653 for this school year.

Villadares said the number of enrollees in public secondary schools is much bigger than in the elementary due to the free high school education.

Of the 300 teachers needed for this school year, the DepEd-Manila has only granted them 116 new teachers, he said.

The public schools affected by the lack of teachers could either ask the local governments to shoulder the salaries of the teachers if only to avoid double classes under one teacher, he added.

Villadares said on top of the problem of lack of teachers is shortage of desks, which has reached 33,625 this school year while the number of classrooms needed is 1,027 all over the province.

Villadares said their office is not expecting any additional funding from the DepEd-Manila even as the report and request from the division office here were already submitted last year. ***Juan Escandor Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau***

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Luzon and Visayas particularly the western sections will experience cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will be partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms.

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Metro Manila	Cloudy with rains	HI32° Lo24°
Baguio	Cloudy with rains	Hi 23° Lo 16°
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Laoag	Cloudy with rains	Hi 32° Lo 24°
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Tagaytay	Cloudy with rains	Hi 30° Lo 22°
Legazpi	Cloudy with rains	Hi 33° Lo 26°
Calapan	Cloudy with rains	Hi 32° Lo 24°
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Gen. Santos	Partly cloudy	Hi 32° Lo 25°
Zamboanga	Partly cloudy	Hi 33° Lo 24°
Cagayan de Oro	Partly cloudy	Hi 32° Lo 24°
Davao	Partly cloudy	Hi 32° Lo 25°

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ROUNDUP

3 killed in mishap

TUGUEGARAO CITY—Three people were killed while six others were hurt on Wednesday when their jeep was sideswiped by a passenger bus near the Buntun Bridge here. The fatalities were Estefania Sibayan, Wilson Zingapan and Rommel Sibayan, all from Tuao town. Police said the drivers of the jeep and Florida Bus were detained.
Estanislao Caldez, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

More forest fires

BAGUIO CITY—Cases of forest fires have increased here due to intense summer heat, according to the Baguio City Fire Department. Cesar Bancawayan, BCFD's chief investigator, said 23 forest fires were reported in the first three months of this year, destroying more than 61 hectares of forest land. He said open flames, which were triggered by the throwing of cigarette butts, had burned some of the city's watershed areas. Last year, seven forest fires destroyed 24,060 square meters of land here.
Jennifer Santos and Ayvi Alcain, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

DoJ in C. Luzon

SAN FERNANDO CITY—Justice Secretary Hernando Perez and officials of the Department of Justice visited Tarlac, Nueva Vizcaya, Isabela, Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, La Union and Pangasinan last week to "bring the DoJ closer to the people" and campaign for the department's three-week-old project "Kaibigan 521-NANI." Perez said the DoJ has long been suffering from an "identity crisis" since most people have mistakenly associated it with "the courts and the judiciary."
Gia Damaso-Dumo, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

Donation for first aid

SAN FERNANDO CITY—The Rotary Club of San Fernando La Union Inc. recently donated some P350,000 worth of first-aid and rescue operation tools and equipment to 20 disaster action teams in Luna, Bangar, Tubao and Rosario, four of the province's most disaster-prone towns. Last month, the teams, composed of over 100 volunteers, completed a one-month training in disaster response from the Lorma Community Development Foundation and the Philippine National Red Cross of San Fernando City and received additional funding from the International Aid, according to Richard Dy, Rotary club president and project chair.
Gia Damaso-Dumo, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

Wanted man falls

LEGAZPI CITY—Bicol's No. 16 most wanted man is now in police custody. Chief Supt. Enrique Galang Jr., Bicol police chief, on Wednesday presented to the media Richard D. Ajero, 18, of Barlis, this city, who was collared on May 20 in Barangay Buyuan after more than a year of hiding. With a cash reward of P75,000 for his arrest, the suspect is facing a criminal case for rape with no bail recommended. He has another rape case pending at the Municipal Circuit Trial Court of Tiwi-Malinao in Albay.
Tony S. Macasinag, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Anti-flood project

CALAPAN CITY—Local government officials have formed a task force to handle the Mag-asawang Tubig River Flood Mitigation Project. This came after Agriculture Secretary Leonardo Q. Montemayor saw the damaged protection dikes in the river during his recent visit. Montemayor said he would not allow hectares of rice lands to be affected by floods because the province is the food basket for Manila and the region. Gil Ramirez, task force chair, said the provincial government has allocated P5 million while the Calapan City Government has pledged P1 million.
Donna Virola, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Livelihood caravan

CALAPAN CITY—Oriental Mindoro was chosen as a pilot province in the first Gabayan sa Kabuhayan Livelihood Caravan launched in this city and in Pinamalayan town. Adolfo Geronimo, representing the 10 provinces that requested the caravan, said Oriental Mindoro was selected for being food-and-mouth disease-free, the food basket of Southern Tagalog and open to modernization of agriculture. About 800 representatives of various Barangay Development Councils, cooperatives and private groups participated in the seminar on hog raising, meat processing and *tilapia* raising.
Donna Virola, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

423rd anniversary

PILI, Camarines Sur—Camarines Sur, the oldest and biggest province in Bicol, kicked off its weeklong 423rd foundation celebration on Tuesday with a grand display of Bicol's arts and culture. Camarines Sur Gov. Luis Villafuerte said the foundation week has been dubbed as "*Kaogma*" (vibrant) Festival to sum up the lively spirit of the celebration, which, he said, will be grander as the province approaches its four-and-a-quarter century of existence. Villafuerte said 35 towns, cities and cultural groups performed unique dances in the city's major streets. A musical contest was slated on May 24, the 9th Bicol Music Festival, a singing contest of original Bicol musical compositions.
Juan Escandor Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

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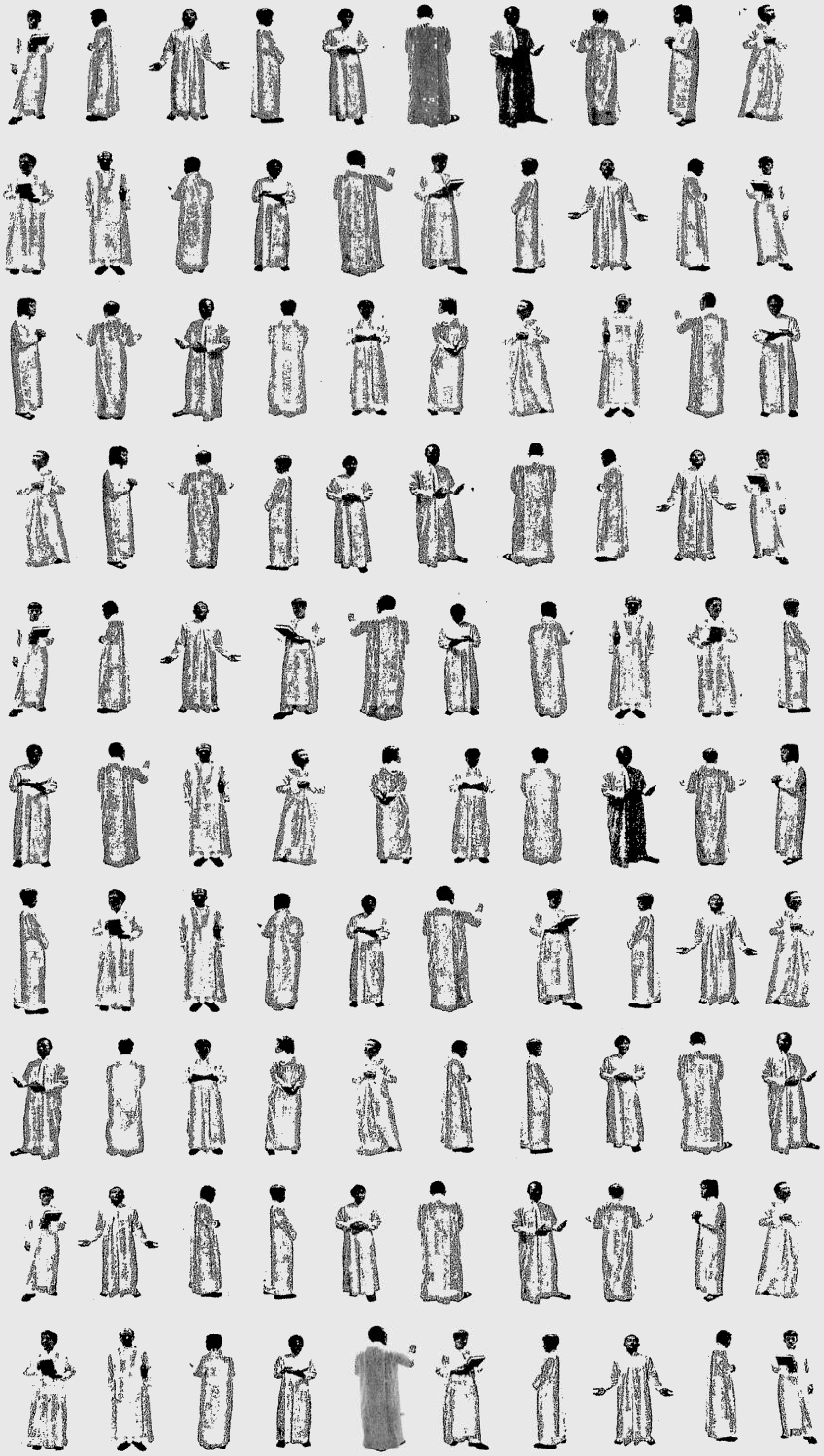

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DAVIZOL CHRISTI

Making some headway to success

By Ma. Kristina E. Cassion
Surigao del Sur

THE SOUND of heavy pounding was everywhere. Strong, callused hands lifted large picks and shovels and dug into the hard limestone that surrounded the Davizol Christi Community in the village of Exemeria, Lianga town.

The limestone is used to shape the roads and pathways and build the foundation of the different structures inside the community.

Struggling to tame the rugged landscape of Exemeria as well, the *ferrai, ferramen, and elpidium* (men, women and children) of the community wrestled with poverty, the wary eyes of the public and diverse characters, religious affiliations and cultural roots of its members. They built a haven for themselves and their future generations, shielded from the harsh outside world.

Their ambition may have been just that, were it not for the abundance of their natural resources, the "limestone, fisheries, agriculture, timber," and their strength and ingenuity.

It took 16 years and 32 families, bonded by a common goal to escape poverty and the longing for a place to call their own, with enough courage to make the arduous journey from the mountains of Pigsang-an in Cagayan de Oro City, to their "Promised Land."

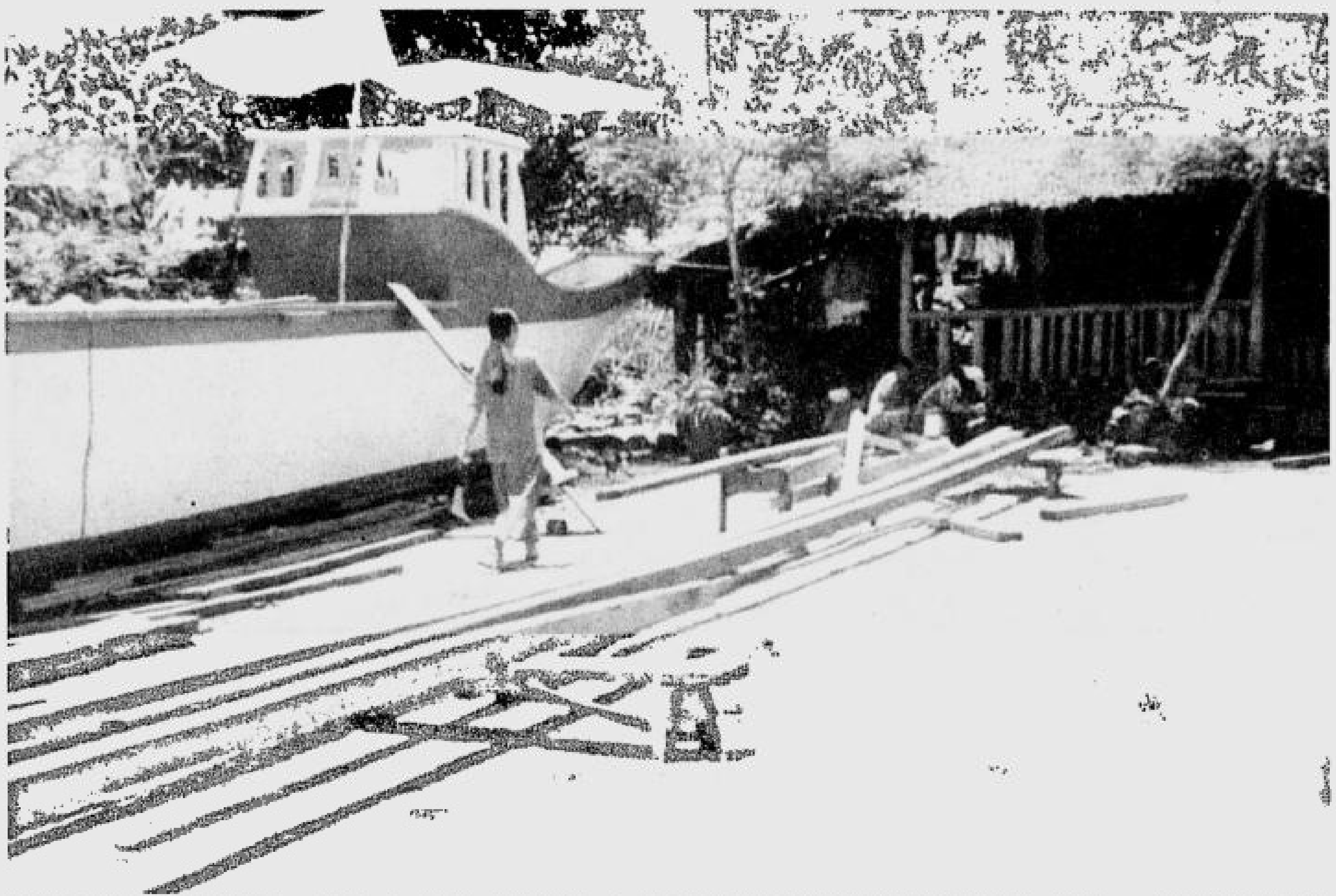
Untamed, the land touched by the rise and fall of the tides of Lianga Bay, beckoned them.

The community members established one religion and called themselves the Divine Arch of Victory Instituted in Zion Omnipotently in the Latter Days of Christ (Davizol Christi) which reflects their deep religiosity. They also created their own Davizolian language, which is a conjugation of biblical terms, Hebrew, Aramaic, Spanish and Latin.

Economic Development

The original 32 families used to do menial and often hard labor outside the community to support them, until the government, through the Community-Based Resource Management Project (CBRMP), granted them a Resource Use Permit so that they could gather driftwood and collect pebbles from the nearby Brittania Islands. The Department of Tourism later prohibited this practice.

Over the years, the community grew to around 500 members.



DAVIZOLIANS make their own fishing boats supervised by members of the Committee on Aquatic Transportation. MA. KRISTINA E. CASSION

Together, they struggled for their own economic development with the help of government agencies, which by then have recognized their potentials.

As a result, they were able to create two cooperatives that were recognized by the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA).

The Pacific Development Cooperative, established in 1997, is composed of male members. It focused on large-scale wooden boat production used in the Yellow Fin Tuna Fishing trading in General Santos City. The tuna was exported to Papua New Guinea and Indonesia. The cooperative also engaged in woodcrafts and agricultural crops.

In 1998, the Soldavi Women's Cooperative was formed. It focused on stuff toys and handicrafts production, as well as catering.

The cooperatives have different sectors tasked to run the community: "defense, peace and order, agriculture, economic, health, mass communications, preservation and conservation, land transportation, aquatic transportation, religious, sports and conjugation sectors."

"We applied the skills we learned from outside and put these to good use here. We have members who are engineers, nurses, teachers and other professions," said Pater Fred, founder and leader of the community.

The leaders of these sectors are called Pater (Father), which means he is responsible not only to his family but also to his sector. Each sector has a nightly planning session to determine their tasks, which they implement the next day.

"We have a strategic development plan to oversee the direction of the community," shares Pater Jory, the chair of the Pacific Development Cooperative and member of the economic sector.

Community life

The community is also working on the development of their Mangrove Park so that visitors may realize the beauty and importance of mangroves; a forest park where members would plant and maintain forest species that are becoming extinct; and a marine sanctuary and polyaquatic fishpond.

"Through these we can help restore nature's abundance and make Exemeria an ecological destination," Pater Jory said.

Life in the community is centered on the belief of a God. Thus, when a loudspeaker announces it is time for the hourly prayer, everyone pauses from whatever work he or she is doing and recites a prayer in Davizolian language. Sincerity is reflected on every bowed head and raised hands.

"Religion is the basic foundation of the peace and unity we have achieved among ourselves. Anyone who places God in the center of his or her being is welcomed here regardless of class, religion, and cultural roots," explains Pater Fred.

They also have their regular bible sharing. They dutifully fast during the Holy Week. Their religious practice is different as they follow Vatican I doctrines. There are also no priests but only those designated from their religious sector.

The preference for the Vatican I doctrine over Vatican II, which is practiced by Catholics today, is deliberate.

"Those who (used to) practice the Vatican I were more disciplined and sincere in the practice of their faith. We wanted to emulate these characteristics, so we chose to follow the teachings of Vatican I," Pater Fred said.

Many may chide them but Pater Fred is convinced they are doing the right thing. "People have the right to criticize us but we also have the right to practice our own faith and interpret the Bible according to what we deem is the truth. So far it is working well for us in the community," Pater Fred pointed out.

Even child rearing reflects religiosity, as they are not ruled by physical force when they commit mistakes but only by their fear of God and man's accountability.

Everyday, community members rise up early to do their tasks. No one, including the children, would do nothing. Income derived from the cooperatives is shared. From this shared income are taken their expenses for food, which are also shared under one kitchen. The funds are also used for their development.

Education is not only for children but adults as well.

During daytime, the children and young adults have tutorial lessons taught by professional teachers in the community with subjects similar to government schools but with religious subjects incorporated into their curriculum. At night, the adults have their own educational program, such as skill development.

Although the government has not yet accredited their schools, they assess the students and if found capable of attending regular schools, are made to take placement tests and sent to schools in Davao and Cebu.

To keep fit, community members practice martial arts, and play basketball and volleyball. They also have swimming and boat racing contests. At night, they watch educational and religious programs on TV.

Relationships and marriages with co-members or outsiders are not restrained. The mayor performs marriages through a civil wedding. The couple decides whether they will live in or outside the community.

Life inside is so good that Michelle, 20, shares: "I never wanted to leave this place because it is more simple and peaceful and the young are more disciplined. When I visited my relatives in Butuan City for three days, I could not wait to come home. It seemed as if three days were a lifetime away from the community I love," she said.

Michelle arrived in Exemeria in 1995. Her parents came before her. At first it was difficult for her to adjust, being used to life in the city. But through the years, she came to realize the glaring difference between life in both places.

"The young ones in the city are easily tempted to be delinquents but here, they are taught how to grow under the teachings of God," she pointed out.

Success

The land never fails to astonish visitors. Reading the street signs alone that bear the Davizolian language often gives the feeling of being transported to a strange and foreign place.

From the main street of Attardaram (conjugation of the names of the different hands that built the road) where the polyaquatic fishpond and the big showroom for "Magkuno" by-products and stuff toys are located, to Villa Victoria Street that holds the sports center and leads to the Jajelel Street (contoured hills near the bay), anyone can see the seemingly mystical beauty of the place, not to mention the green beauty of the vast mangrove area at the foot of Jajelel and the forest on its side.

Outsiders only have good words for them. "They are peaceful and hardworking people, we don't have problems with them. In fact, their development of Exemeria is contributing to the influx of domestic tourism in our town," says Mayor Leonor Sarmen.

Indeed, from their humble beginnings, the people of Davizol Christi have come a long way.

Bamboo for peace

MY POINT OF VIEW

Margarita Moran-Floirendo

THE CRISIS in some parts of Mindanao has resulted in one significant episode in the people's saga that is taking a firm hand in working together for peace.

Now more than ever, the essence of peace is felt in the hearts of those who were victims of war as they prepare to rebuild their broken lives, shattered dreams and lost hopes.

Together, the people take on a new journey, one that leads to what they believe is the core of life—peace.

At one point in the past, Barangay Ugalingan in Carmen, Cotabato, was "no man's land," a declaration arising from the killing of three Army Scout Rangers by Moro Islamic Liberation Front rebels. In effect, the Muslim-populated areas of Sitios Dungguan and Limbalod were seen as notorious lairs of MILF supporters.

These areas, situated along the Pulangi River, were suspected to be part of a camp being prepared by the MILF. They also provide a strategic access to Camp Rajamuda in Pikit and Pagalungan towns through the Pulangi.

Expectedly, the areas were the hardest hit during the war between the government forces and the MILF in 2000. Hundreds of thousands of residents were forced to abandon their homes and land and take shelter at evacuation centers. There, they comforted themselves with little space, relied on food rations and kept themselves "safe" until the war is over.

The most trying times of the people became their finest hours as peace transformed into a collective goal that needed a collective effort. Muslims, Christians and *lumad*—all went through the same ordeal. All were victims and all strove to regain their freedom.

Since the evacuation centers offer temporary refuge, the people eventually faced the day when they will have to go back home. For some, this came as an easy decision because they believed that without their land, they were as good as dead anyway.

For others, it was the hardest thing to do because they feared that the momentary silence didn't mean peace but war lurking in the corner, ready to strike again.

Yet, the most common feeling was the impossibility of starting over, of picking up the pieces and fixing the wreck that the war brought to their lives.

In the end, the victims became survivors. On April 16, 2001, they returned to their homes and started their lives anew. With the help of Tabang Mindanaw, through Kidapawan Bishop Romulo Valles, they declared their place a "sanctuary of peace."

Mokamad Bituanen, known as "Maestro," is a respected Maguindanaoan leader in Dungguan. He facilitated a focused group discussion emphasizing the significance of community sharing on peace as a means to advance the peace-building effort in their war-ravaged community.

The participants recounted the good and harmonious relationship between them and their Christian brothers in Barangay Ugalingan before the war.

Last April 3, a peace agreement was signed that formally declared Barangays Ugalingan, Carmen, Limbalod and Pagagawan as "sanctuaries of peace."

The activity, dubbed "Kawayan Alang sa Kalinaw" (Bamboo for Peace), was a peace-building process initiated by the tri-people (Moros, Christians and *lumads*) of Mindanao. The *kawayan* (bamboo) symbolized the undying quest for peace and reconciliation in the sanctuaries.

The event was a celebration of the 42 Tabang Mindanaw communities from the war-torn provinces of Maguindanao, Cotabato and Lanao del Sur. Secretary Teresita Quintos-Deles, the lead convenor of the National Anti-Poverty Commission, represented the President.

Also present were Rep. Emmy Lou Taliño-Santos, Cotabato Gov. Emmanuel Piñol, Arlyn Lozano (who represented Presidential Assistant for Mindanao Jesus Dureza) and the mayors and leaders of the Tabang Mindanaw IRRP (Integrated Return and Rehabilitation Program) communities.

The MILF was represented by Jun Mantawil, chair of the MILF secretariat to the MILF negotiating peace panel.

Datu Dima Ambil, chair of the Moro National Liberation Front in Sibangan, Cotabato, and representatives of nongovernment organizations, donors, church partners and the Tabang Mindanaw headed by co-chair Ambassador Howard Q. Dee witnessed the launching and pledged support for the undertaking.

On what was once "no man's land" are now teeming communities of people determined to embrace peace. Though life will never be the same as before, the communities are starting to return to normalcy as indicated by the people's active involvement in agriculture activities and livelihood programs.

Further, a peace center was established in Dungguan where meetings, negotiations and peace sharing are held.

The communities, which are part of Tabang Mindanaw's IRRP, have chosen the bamboo as the symbol of their mission to promote healing, reconciliation and unity among Muslims, Christians, *lumad* and other groups.

Everyone hopes that like the bamboo that regenerates, a new generation of peace lovers will be committed to work for a just, sustainable and lasting peace in Mindanao.

The author is a member of the Tabang Mindanaw Task Force.

KIDAPAWAN bishop Romulo Valles plant bamboo seedlings during the launching of "Kawayan Alang sa Kalinaw" (Bamboo for Peace). PHOTO COURTESY OF TABANG MINDANAW SECRETARIAT

Tourists, never fear; Stingray's here and there

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the sea in a significant way.

Negros Oriental Governor George P. Arnaiz is all praise for them. "From the time they arrived, this brought really good news to us. Resort owners are so happy and feel so secure. On board their ships, I was so impressed with their very modern equipment. If there are people planning something against the tourists, these guys can really do the job, a good deterrence."

State-of-the-art

Contrary to popular and even humorous references to the Philippine Navy consisting of a few leaky tubs, Stingray's gunboats are of recent vintage, extremely fast, souped-up with an array of high-caliber materiél, state-of-the-art communications equipment, and high-speed Zodiac rubber boats for SEAL team assaults by stealth.

The Sipadan incident in which 21 foreigners and locals were kidnapped from the Malaysian resort and crossed country borders to the Philippines, was bad enough. The abduction of tourists including American missionaries Martin and Gracia Burnham from the Dos Palmas Resort in Palawan brought tourism down to almost nothing.

The government took action, calling in the Philippine Navy's Flag Officer in Command, Vice Admiral Victorino S. Hingco, to deal with the KFRG definitively.

Vice Admiral Hingco harked back to seven years ago, when serious international incidents of piracy involved the theft of entire cargo-laden vessels between Scarborough, a tiny spot of rock off the Zambales coast, and the Ilocos coast. The Navy's response had been Task Group Sea Hawk, Commanded by Ernesto de Leon, now a commodore who is chief of Naval Staff. With six ships, an aircraft and two SEAL teams, Sea Hawk sent the pirates on the run. The pirates took their trade elsewhere.

Pama a natural

Stingray was formed, replicating Sea Hawk. A high-ranking Navy officer says that Navy Capt. Alexander P. Pama was a natural for the post of commanding officer because of "his wide intelligence base and initiative." Also, that the Stingray's commander "should be a statesman and not trigger off an international incident. But fire in the belly should always be there."

Naval operations may consist of traditional operations and warfare comprising surface, land and air actions, or conversely, naval operations other than war (NOOTW), which include civil-military operations, civil affairs and high visibility.

Stingray combines both traditional and non-traditional elements to effect deterrence, preemption if intelligence reports of planned terrorist activity are received, and counter-action, to react to a terrorists strike.

Intelligence-driven

All Stingray's units fall under the Philippine Fleet commanded by Rear Admiral Ruben Domingo. While firepower, speed by air and sea, sophisticated communications, SEAL teams to combat, board and search vessels, or stage stealthy coastal raids and strikes are all basic requirements, Stingray's operations are intelligence-driven.

Intelligence gathered by the military, by the task group's onboard technical intelligence support team, and from resort communities, are equally vital to prioritizing which areas to patrol.

"We tread the fine line between public affairs, liaising with resort owners and local government authorities, and security. We're only able to be as helpful to resort communities as they want us to be," Capt. Pama, youthful at 45, says.

Resort operators and town officials have his satellite cell phone contact numbers, enabling them to report suspicious activity or call for help. At the outset, he had to introduce Stingray to them, briefing them to seek their cooperation. "Deterrence is to let everyone know we exist—the bad guys and the good guys," Pama says.

Nice message

The Southern Visayan islands, some barely 30 miles away from Mindanao's strife, are patrolled closely by the task group among other areas including Palawan. Mike Butler, operator of the Coco Grove beach resort on the island of Siquijor, is happy to cooperate. "No matter what we say, when our guests see Mindanao is so close," he says, they are apprehensive. "But when they know there's a task force here, it's a nice message to send."

A fiery-red Macao bird, Butler's two lovely Filipino-bronze daughters Camille and Gisella, wife Johanna, and a large contingent of colorfully saronged attendants, as well as the entire village of San Juan, delighted to a capability demonstration last Thursday by Stingray's Special Warfare Group, the Swags. Dive boatman Dionisio and two other Coco Grove staff aboard the "Esmeralda" were willing victims when the Swags put out from the gunboats, moving in quickly but stealthily on the Zodiacs to trap "the enemy" and board, search and apprehend. "Oh, poor Dionisio," Johanna giggled.

In another Swag exercise of a beach assault led by team commander Lt. Paul Amindalan, they crouched single-file onto shore, belly-crawled to the main building, and deployed behind coconut trees to simulate surprising terrorists.

Sensitivities

"These guys are certainly serious," Butler said. "What I most admire is Stingray's flexibility," tough with the enemy, but extremely sensitive to the community's acceptance of them.

"We have to be very, very aware of sensitivities," Pama says. His executive officer who doubles as gunboat commanding officer of BRP Nestor Reinoso (PG 380), Lt. Commander Allan Cusi, adds: "We can't just drop anchor anywhere. Local fishermen have the right of way, marginal fishermen making their living solely on fishing." Ensuring the integrity of marine sanctuaries also is their job.

Panglao is popular among international scuba divers as a prime dive spot in Bohol. Chai Cruz, secretary of the Albna Beach Community Foundation Inc. composed of 40 resort and dive shop owners, souvenir shops and money exchange traders, confirms that visitors "feel more secure with Stingray."

Safe, happy

Doubting Thomases only have to survey assorted villagers who could feel threatened by the sight of the grey flotilla parked offshore, to understand how welcome Stingray is.

"Safe and happy," and "we feel very protected" were repeated in several separate interviews of souvenir hawker Gemma Lusterio, and Gigi Bungabong who sells T-shirts at Trudi's Place, among other locals surveyed. Not one resented Stingray's visits, and from their exposure to tourists, all spoke perfect English.

A Maritime Industry Authority lady officer in Panglao, Babes Bandico, "discovered" Holger Horn who manages Philippine Islands Divers. A former owner of a security outfit providing VIP bodyguard protection in Berlin, he was deputized as Coast Guard Auxiliary Commander. In coordination with the local Philippine National Police chief and community leaders, a Tourist Police group has been formed, trained largely by Horn. The number of local tourists has risen dramatically, and foreign guests are beginning to return. Prostitution is non-existent on the picture-book island of beautiful and good people.

Notwithstanding the Tourist Police, Horn says, "We need mobility for full security. Stingray provides that." When the flotilla appears on the horizon, Horn and the police inform guests that Stingray is "just checking on things to make sure everything's okay."

The MV Asia Philippines ran aground recently, and Stingray and Horn helped rescue 130 stranded passengers, transferring them onto other ships plying the Visayas-Mindanao corridor.

"I like the idea that they are around," Horn said, "and that we can call on them at any time. I'm sure they are really ready," in affirmation of Stingray's motto "Any time, anywhere."

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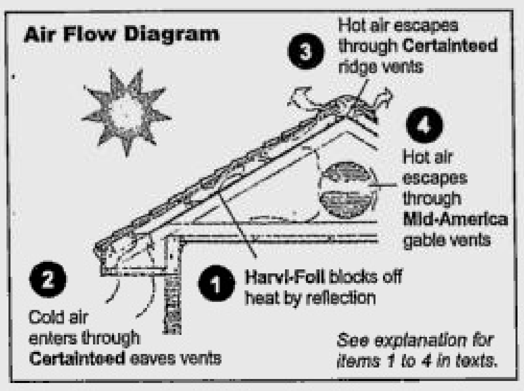
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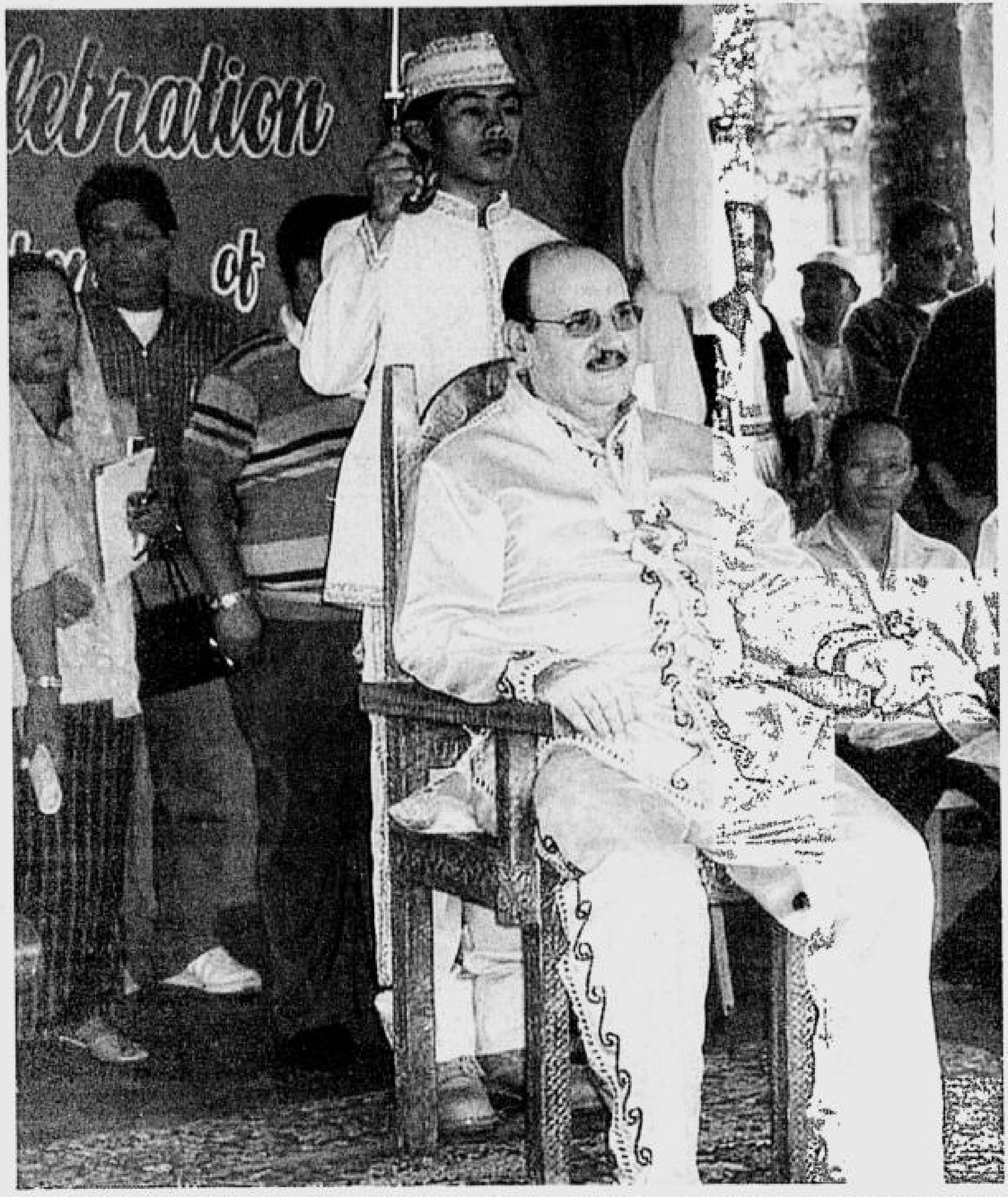

THE ITALIAN from Sicily who came to this country in 1976 as an engineer for Napocor stayed for the next 22 years.

Home is Lanao del Sur for Italian engineer

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a PAL plane crashed in Malabang in 1987.

Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes also vouched for De Rossi's contribution to peace and order in the area by hosting dialogues with different rebel groups.

De Rossi also pushed for the employment of locals during the construction of the Napocor's Agus 7 hydro-electric power plant in Baloi town.

De Rossi was "kind to his people and his heart is in Lanao del Sur," said Pepito Manaloto, vice president of CMC di Ravenna, a construction firm where De Rossi is regional director for southeast Asia.

The sultan

Recognizing his efforts to improve the lives of Muslims in Lanao del Sur, the Royal Houses of the Sultanate in Lanao conferred him the title *Sultan Macapundeg Ko Ranao Ragat* (Sultan Benefactor of the People of Lanao) on May 19.

De Rossi said he was privileged to have lived, suffered and improved the lives of Muslims in Lanao del Sur.

And he promised to be the spokesperson of the people of the province.

"This is a tremendous honor and I promise to do my moral responsibility to live up to my obligations, to bring development in Lanao del Sur by continuing to seek grants for development of agriculture here," Sultan Macapundeg said.

The sultan has also acquired Filipino citizenship.

"I am a Filipino, my friends are here, my interests, my investments, my expertise are needed here and as a Filipino I have to contribute to the development of my country so it could regain it's top position in Asia," he said.

The negotiator

De Rossi worked for the release of Fr. Giuseppe "Beppe" Pierantoni who was kidnapped on Oct. 17 last year and released last April.

To do this, he contacted the sultans, the influential Maranaos, his friends in local government units, and even the Moro Islamic Liberation Front.

De Rossi still refuses to take full credit for the priest's release. But when Pierantoni faced the Italian press, he thanked De Rossi for his efforts that, Pierentoni believed, were instrumental to his safe release.

Even before Pierantoni's abduction, De Rossi had already been working hard for the Italian government to give more grants to Lanao del Sur.

He is now planning to meet with President Macapagal-Arroyo, the agrarian reform secretary and the Italian ambassador to the Philippines to talk to them about the implementation of agrarian reform projects in the province.

Priorities

Sultan Macapundeg said the province needs electricity, water, roads and better farming.

He found it ironic that Lake Lanao supplies more than enough power to Mindanao yet the province of Lanao del Sur has been deprived of electricity for almost four years now.

He cited the poor performance of the electric cooperative, improper collection of payments and the expensive rate as possible reasons for this situation.

De Rossi said it would be difficult to lure investors because of the lack of electricity, roads to remote areas, and telecommunications in the province.

He urged the government to implement agrarian reform projects, build farm-to-market roads, ensure a better power supply and develop the port so farmers can easily transport their produce to other parts of Mindanao.

Doubters back accord with Moro rebs

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that the ongoing inquiries in Congress would "straighten out some issues."

"From our end in the AFP, we fully support this peace initiative," Cimatu said at Fort del Pilar in Baguio City. "After all, our soldiers are the ones making the supreme sacrifice for peace. If it will eventually result in a just and lasting peace, we are 100 percent behind it."

In Manila, AFP spokesperson Lt. Col. Jose Mabanta said the military would 'support the implementation of the interim peace agreements because these are now a policy of the national government."

Dureza said the efforts of Gonzales, the President's adviser on special concerns, would pave the way for the resumption of peace negotiations between the government and MILF panels.

He said they were just awaiting the "policy decision" from Ms Macapagal.

Dureza said Gonzales' back-channel talks succeeded in resolving the two issues that had caused an impasse in the panel-to-panel talks in Kuala Lumpur—the MILF's alleged involvement in terrorism and kidnap-for-ransom activities, and its role as fund handler for the development of conflict-ravaged areas.

He admitted that members of the government panel had downplayed the breakdown of the talks last March 4 because "we are trying to nurture the peace environment."

But at the House, Zamboanga City Rep. Celso Lobregat appealed to Ms Macapagal to heed the apprehension felt by "the stakeholders from Mindanao."

"We don't want the peace talks to fail. What we want is for these agreements to be corrected so that these will not lead to a bigger war," Lobregat said.

Wrong perception

Dureza said the debates on the interim agreements Gonzales signed on May 6 and 7 in Malaysia—the GRP-MILF joint communiqué and the "Implementing Guidelines on the Humanitarian, Rehabilitation, and Development Aspects of the GRP-MILF Tripoli Agreements on Peace of 2001"—had sprung from a wrong perception.

Speaking in Taglish, he said the documents were "probably not read well." The seeming exclusion of the government panel also served to complicate matters, he said.

"Everybody knew the panel-to-panel talks had been suspended," he added. "What the (government) panel is (doing) now is organizing the ceasefire committee on the ground."

Dureza also said there was nothing in the agreements to show "that we have compromised (the national interest), as some sectors say," or that "the parameters set in the Tripoli Agreement signed in Libya" had been breached.

"These are not new agreements that would open up new issues," he said. "These are mechanics implementing the agreement we originally signed in Tripoli. The basic rehabilitation document (came from us, with a minor change) in the final configuration."

Dureza said the issue on the alleged involvement of the MILF in terrorist and kidnap-for-ransom activities was addressed by getting its commitment to help in the government's anti-terrorism campaign.

"Now the MILF is saying it is willing to help," he said. "So we would like to see the implementation of the agreements. If these are implemented, (won't that be very good) for Mindanao? Rebel groups will help (solve) the killings and kidnappings."

Dureza said the issue on who would handle the funds in the development of the conflict-affected areas caused a deadlock in the talks because the government could not allow the MILF to handle funds unless it complied with government regulations.

He said Gonzales had to craft a way to break the deadlock, thus the proposal for the MILF to set up a project-implementing agency, like any other non-government organization.

MILF camps

Cimatu said that contrary to what objectors to the interim agreements had been saying, the government would not return to the MILF its camps.

"The speculation that captured camps of the MILF will be returned will remain a speculation because the interim agreement does not provide for the return of the camps," he said.

Most of the MILF camps were recovered during the term of Cimatu as chief of the Southern Command.

CIMATU (left) and Dureza: Out of the blue, a different tune.

The agreements provide for the rehabilitation of the camps and the immediate return of displaced residents to their homes.

Cimatu said, however, that the military had undertaken rehabilitation work as soon the camps were captured.

Mabanta echoed this statement, saying: "The agreement is just a formality. We have been repairing the former MILF camps and rehabilitating these areas for the civilian population. We have been doing this since the capture of the camps."

Cimatu said the US forces training Filipino soldiers in Basilan should not help in this activity but should only help develop that island, and not other areas of Mindanao.

Cimatu also said soldiers were helping in the repair of roads and other infrastructure that would improve the condition of the people in Mindanao.

"We must never forget that the root cause of insurgency is poverty," he said, adding that building roads and other infrastructure was as important as curtailing rebellion in the area.

Dureza said neither agreement ceded the MILF camps, contrary to the claim of some lawmakers and military officers.

"Since our time in the panel until the agreement signed by Secretary Gonzales, there is nothing there that states that we will return the camps of the MILF rebels," he said in an interview with RMN News.

He admitted that based on past experience, some MILF combatants would try to return to their camps along with the civilian evacuees. In that case, he said, the AFP should see to it that no armed men would enter the camps.

"They will not be returning to their camps because most of these camps already have military detachments," Dureza said.

According to Dureza, the rehabilitation of the war-torn areas is long overdue.

"Even if we sign 100 peace agreements, the situation will remain the same," he said. "While the negotiations are ongoing, we have to rehabilitate the areas so the people will realize that they don't need to fight the government."

Bypass

Dureza admitted that some members of the government peace considered resigning because Gonzales had bypassed them.

He said Eduardo Ermita, the President's adviser on the peace process, had told them the formal talks would resume once the issues had been cleared up. But when Gonzales went on to sign the two agreements with the MILF, several "peace advocates" in Mindanao complained that the panel had been bypassed.

"It really didn't look too good," Dureza said in Filipino. "The perception was, 'Where's the panel? Why is someone else signing?' So we have to explain fully that this is the result of the suspension of the panel-to-panel (talks)."

Dureza stressed that the negotiations were not yet over, and that the two agreements Gonzales signed on behalf of the government were "interim" in nature.

"Some people thought that what Gonzales signed is already the agreement and the negotiation is over. No. These are all interim agreements to pave the way for the discussions on a long term on the substantive issues," he said.

In a letter dated May 23, Joji Ilagan-Bian, chair of the Mindanao Business Council, urged the President to reaffirm her "trust and confidence" in the all-Mindanao panel headed by Dureza.

Bian claimed that some sectors in Mindanao were "up in arms" over the apparent disregard of the peace panel. "Initially, we were delighted to hear of this recent breakthrough in the continuing and determined effort of the government to jointly undertake development work with the MILF in the areas of Central Mindanao," she said.

"(But) we wish to raise a number of issues concerning the manner by which (Gonzales) undertook the back-channel talks that led to the signing of the (agreements)," she added.

Bian also said they were not questioning the authority of Gonzales to sign the agreements with the MILF, but that they were concerned as to whether he represented the "genuine interest" of the people of Mindanao.

Full disclosure

Camarines Sur Rep. Rolando Andaya, chair of the House appropriations committee, urged Malacañang to publish all agreements signed with the MILF to end the guessing game on the agreements' contents.

Andaya had objected to the grant of authority to the MILF to disburse funds, saying this power was vested only upon a public official. He had suggested that Congress could defy this provision by specifying in the general appropriations act a prohibition against the disbursement of funds by the MILF.

Yesterday, Andaya said a Malacañang official had told him that the disbursement authority was not vested on the MILF but on the officials of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

He said there could only be an enlightened debate if the agreements were published in full.

Surigao del Sur Rep. Prospero Pichay Jr., chair of the House defense committee investigating the interim agreements, said it would ask Ermita, Gonzales and acting Press Secretary Silvestre Afable for their own interpretations of the documents.

"We would like to know if their interpretation jibes with the interpretation of the MILF," Pichay said. "That's not an agreement if they have different interpretations."

Lobregat noted that Gonzales and Afable, who were both designated backdoor negotiators, appeared to have contradictory positions on the issue of sovereignty. ***With reports from Juliet L. Javellana and Norma Bordadora in Manila; Jovelyn Reyes and Frank Cimatu, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau***

Nat'l Geographic team to explore caves for mummies

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hero.

According to the Ibalois, he lived for 250 years between Benguet and the Ifugao fields, which he used as his hunting ground.

Tourism officials in Baguio said a National Museum staff and an investigative archaeologist from the University of California would go with the explorers.

They said a *mansip-ok* (native priest) would brief the team on the process of mummification and perform rituals in the burial caves, which the Ibalois consider sacred grounds.

To reach the caves, the team will traverse the Kabayan side of Mt. Pulag National Park, considered the home of Ibaloi gods and spirits and often visited by local and foreign tourists.

President Macapagal is scheduled to visit Mt. Pulag next month becoming the country's first president to do so. Members of the Ibaloi tribe are still debating her visit's impact on the mountain spirits.

The mummies are in capsule-shaped coffins and buried in caves in high cliffs. Many of these mummies have been brought down to museums in Benguet for exhibition.

The caves of Opadas, about 300 meters from the Kabayan municipal building, are among the biggest burial caves in town, with 200 skulls piled on the sides.

The massive Tinongchol Burial Rock contains century-old mummies interred in holes bored into the solid boulder.

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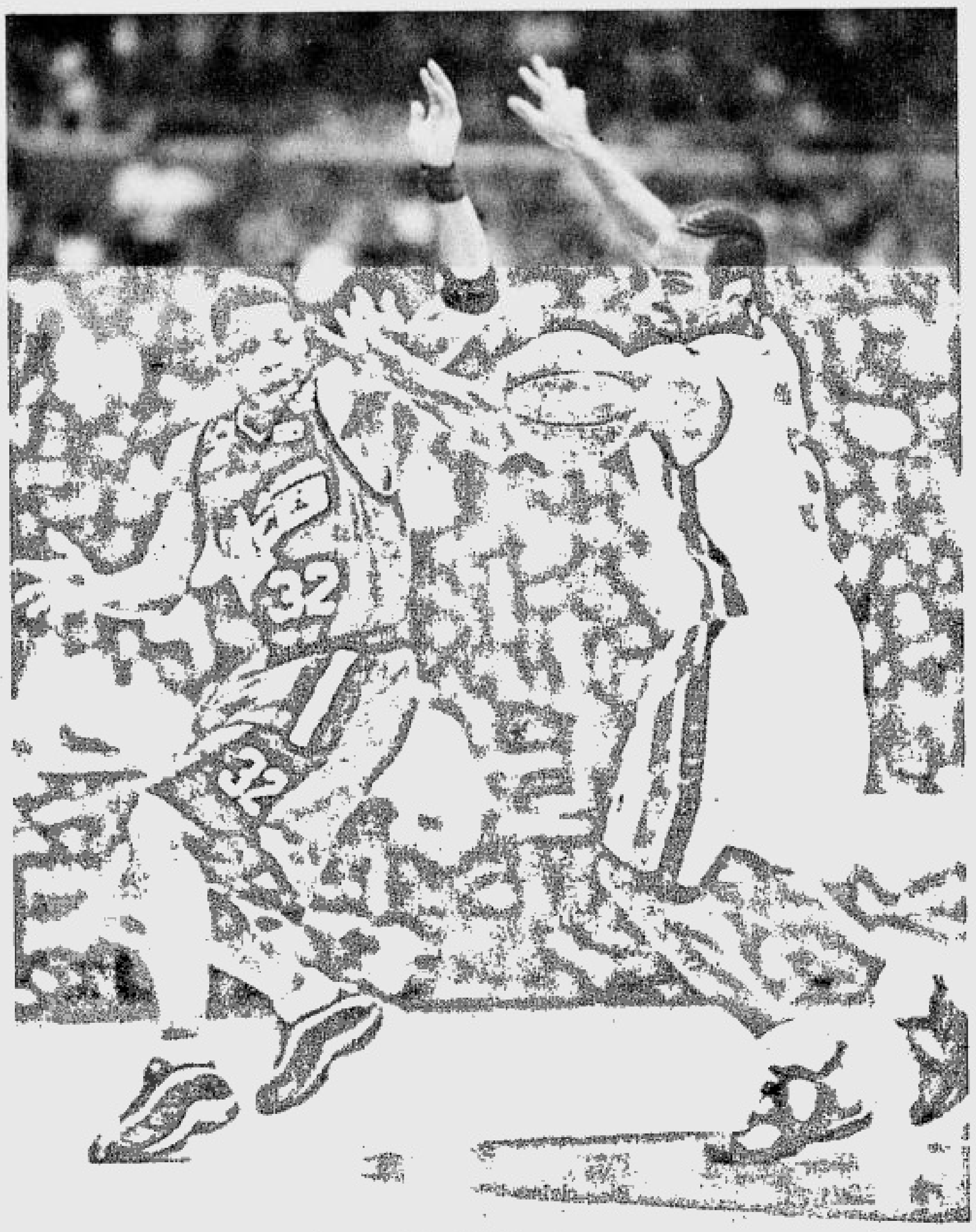

ALASKA'S Ron Riley (left) and Purefoods' Kelvin Price appear to be dancing as they go for the loose ball in Game 6 of the PBA Samsung Cup Finals series Thursday night. The Aces prevailed, 85-78, to force a winner-take-all affair today.

ROMY HOMILLADA

GAME TODAY (Araneta Coliseum)
5:30 p.m.—Purefoods vs Alaska

Game 1—Alaska d. Purefoods, 79-73
Game 2—Alaska d. Purefoods, 106-102 (2OT)
Game 3—Purefoods d. Alaska, 80-66
Game 4—Purefoods d. Alaska, 82-76
Game 5—Purefoods d. Alaska, 84-72
Game 6—Alaska d. Purefoods, 85-78

By June Navarro

ALASKA and Purefoods collide in the deciding seventh game of the PBA Samsung Governors Cup titular series tonight at the Araneta Coliseum.

The Aces pushed their best-of-seven championship battle against the Hotdogs into a do-or-die affair after Alaska coach Tim Cone and his wards leveled the series with an 85-78 victory in Game 6 Thursday night.

Although the momentum shifted to their side, the Aces would rather downplay the slight advantage and adopt a winning strategy in the 5:30 p.m. decider.

"We've regained some energy but it's still a 50-50 proposition. I don't see how one team will have an advantage over the other going into Game 7," said Cone, who is seeking his 11th overall title with the Aces in 19 championship appearances.

But historically, Cone's apprehension doesn't hold water as the Aces had won three of their last four Game 7 trips, the most recent of which came during the 1998 All-Filipino Cup against San Miguel Beer.

Purefoods, however, was not as lucky after failing on its past three attempts to win the crown in a Game 7.

"They (Hotdogs) may not be successful during those attempts but it's highly probable that Purefoods could break that losing spell," said Cone.

"Purefoods had obviously done that in the series and I assume coach Ryan Gregorio could do it again," he added.

The Hotdogs climbed out of a 0-2 hole after winning three straight games before allowing the Aces to knot the series at three games apiece.

Gregorio, however, is not judging the outcome of Game 7 based on figures, historical facts and past experiences.

"You throw away everything come Sunday. Throw away the statistics and all the things that had happened from Games 1 to 6," said the former UP Maroon, who became the first rookie coach to call the shots in a Game 7.

At 30, Gregorio is also bidding to become the third youngest coach in the league's 27-year history to win a PBA title after Tommy Manotoc and Chot Reyes.

"All these talks about books being rewritten and records being broken, they are all just gravy. These things will,come in if we win Game 7," said Gregorio.

Negros shoots down Batangas in MBA series opening game

By Roy Luarca

GAME TODAY (USLS Coliseum, Bacolod City)
3 p.m.—RCPI Negros vs LBC Batangas

BACOLOD CITY—RCPI Negros, egged on by the hometown crowd, bested the LBC-Batangas, 89-80, last night in the opener of their MBA First Conference title series at the USLS Coliseum.

Responding to the maestro-like orchestration of plays by Dennis Madrid, the Slashers took a 75-63 spread at the end of the third quarter and protected it till the end.

Madrid wound up with 20 points, most of them coming in the second half as the Blades could come no nearer than 87-80.

With John Ferriols and Reynel Hugnatan joining the scoring fray, the Slashers led by as many as 17 points (61-44) as they dominated the Blades.

The Blades were able to put up a fight only in the first quarter, 17-all, but once the Slashers found their rhythm, the Blades slowly lagged behind.

The Slashers seek an imposing 2-0 lead at 3 p.m. today, also at the USLS Coliseum.

Another victory over the Blades would put the Slashers within a win of clinching the conference crown and avenging the defeat dealt them by the Blades in last year's national finals.

As in Game One, MBA Commissioner Chito Loyzaga has ordered the implementation of strict security measures to ensure the safety of thousands of MBA fans expected to watch Game Two this afternoon.

Game Two will be telecast live over National Broadcasting Network 4. The best-of-five title series resumes at 6 p.m. on June 1 for Game Three at the Lipa Youth and Cultural Center. If necessary, Game Four will be held at the same venue on June 2 at 3 p.m.

Scores:

NEGROS 89—Madrid 20, Ferriols 16, Hugnatan 13, Bautista 10, Aldeguer 10, Francisco 8, Dela Rosa 5, Espiritu 4, Ang 1.

BATANGAS 80—Compton 17, Laure 14, Sanders 10, De Castro 9, Rivera 8, Espinosa 5, Martin 5, Cuevas 4, Corbin 3.

Quarters: 28-20, 57-38, 75-63, 89-80.

He is back

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

I KNEW it. Luisito "Louie" Espinosa would win his comeback fight.

Not to brag but that hunch kept haunting me weeks before I made my prediction public. In my column appearing here on May 19, I went too far as to say Espinosa would knock Ever Beleno out. I didn't say which round. Suffice it to say that I said Louie would win by knockout.

As everybody now knows, Louie knocked Beleno out in the second round.

It was a tough decision. Look, 35 of Beleno's 38 victories came by knockout. His last eight wins before yesterday's fight were by knockout.

Thus, who can blame me if I'm now in heaven? Louie, my wedding godson, could be ripe once more for a shot at the world title.

In case you have forgotten, Espinosa was the WBA bantamweight champion from 1989 to 1991. After a brief retirement, he staged a comeback and won the WBC featherweight title in 1995; he reigned up to 1999.

After his fall, Louie drifted into obscurity and almost became a lost soul wandering in wasteland when a saviour came along. His name is Noel Rivera, the son of broadcasting legend Hermie Rivera.

During the last 18 months, Louie did nothing but burn hours to regain the form that sent 25 men to dreamland. Getting all the help from Noel Rivera, the two-time world champion put his heart and mind back into the business of fighting. He had to relearn once more the formula of victory: Discipline.

No one fights for money alone. More than anything, boxing is ego massage, if not downright machismo. Discipline comes with machismo.

As Noel said before the fight: "I've never seen him train this hard. I think he's ready to face the world again—and that world is nothing but the art of real fighting."

Noel, of course, is the son of Hermie Rivera, who made Espinosa world champion in 1989 when Espinosa shocked the world with a sensational first-round knockout of Kaokor Galaxy in Bangkok.

When one's prediction comes true, the feeling of joy becomes almost indescribable.

The beauty of Espinosa's victory yesterday was not in the way he disposed of his opponent with ease. It was the meaning of his victory: It proved he is not over-the-hill.

Months before the fight—or even just hours before fight night—there were many unbelievers. I received calls disputing my prediction that Louie would win.

I did not take it against them then.

I don't take it against them now.

His previous fights before yesterday's bout were tailor-made for him to lose.

As I said, Louie wasn't in shape when he was staging his comeback fights from 2000 to 2001. It was only when Noel entered the picture that things changed for the better for Espinosa.

"Before I agreed to handle Louie," said Noel, "I had a heart-to-heart talk with him. I told him we had to start all over again."

The road to victory is strewn with obstacles. With Louie's impressive victory yesterday, the first hurdle has been done away with.

Don't tell me Louie is old fogey at 34.

Bernard Hopkins was 36 when he stopped the seemingly indestructible Felix Trinidad only a while back to become the undisputed middleweight champion of the world.

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PUBLIC SERVICE. Chito Borromeo, the suave and debonair vice president of Citra Metro Manila Tollways Corporation, is super-busy these days in a bid to ensure a smashing success for the 2nd Finex Masters Cup at Wack Wack on June 5. This early, Chito, the tournament chair, is extending his gratitude to presentor Monsanto Phils. and major sponsors PLDT and Seadoo. The event is for the benefit of Finex's outreach programs.

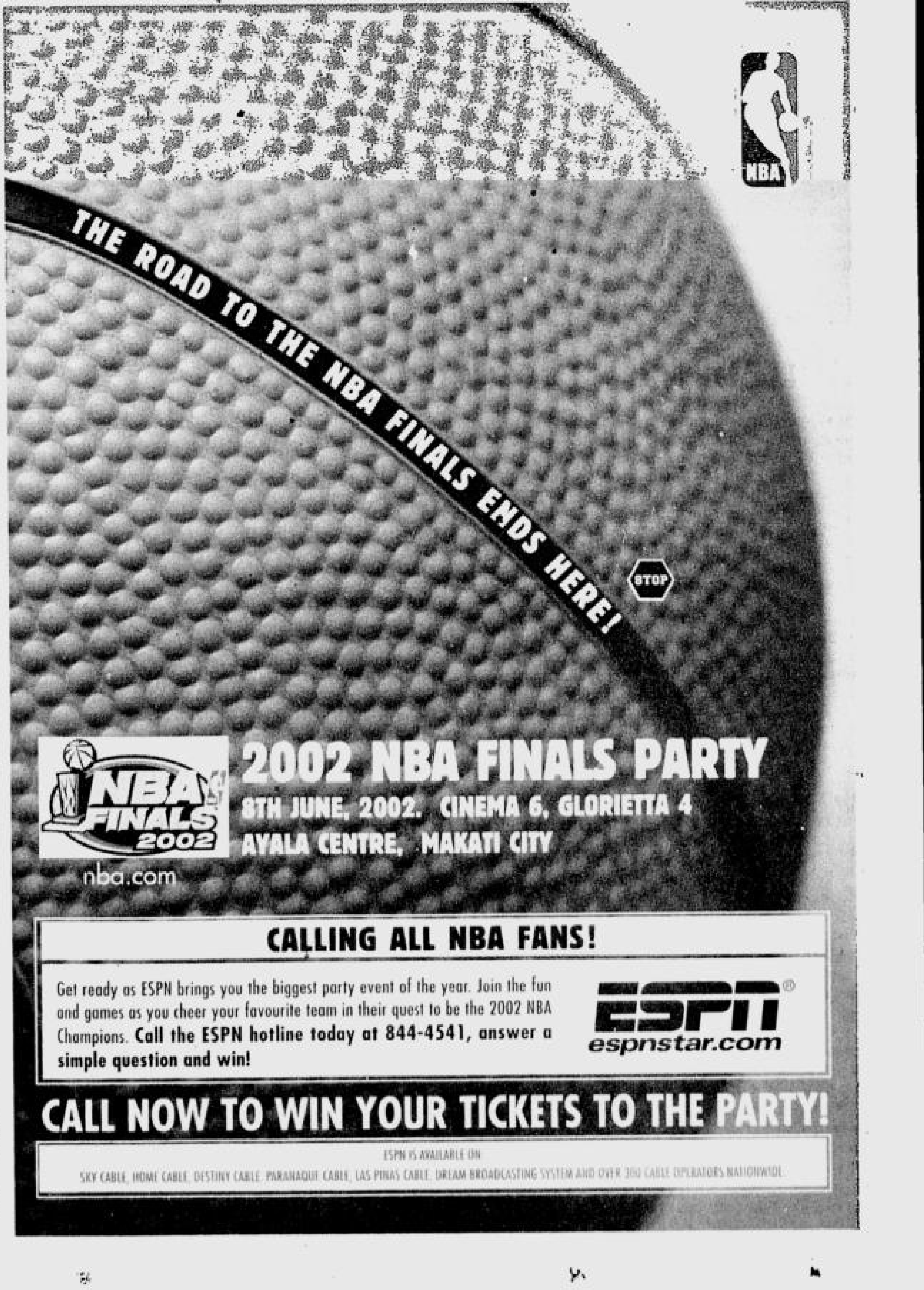
Peñalosa dethrones Andrade

WBC international flyweight champion Gerry Peñalosa scored a unanimous 12-round decision over reigning North American Boxing Federation titlist Oscar Andrade yesterday at the Feather Falls Casino in Oroville, California.

There was an accidental head butt in the 8th round that caused Peñalosa to bleed profusely from the hairline on the forehead.

Aside from grabbing the NABF crown, Peñalosa also earned the right to challenge WBC superfly champion Masanori Tokuyama again on Nov. 8

Tokuyama, a Japan-born North Korean, defended his crown against Peñalosa last September.



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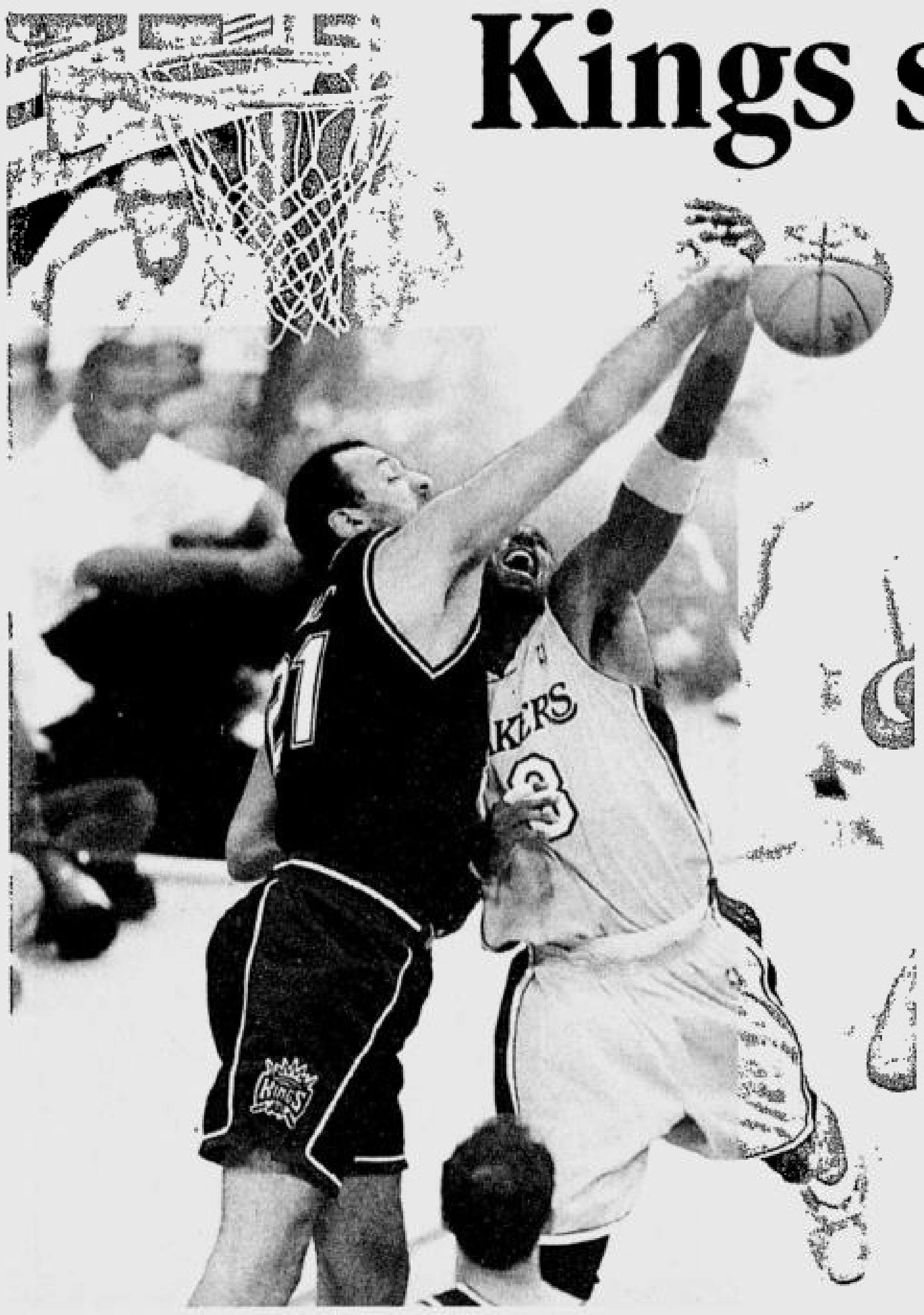

SACRAMENTO'S Vlade Divac (left) blocks a shot by Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant in the first quarter. The Kings won, 103-90, to grab a 2-1 lead in the Western Conference Finals. AFP

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles Lakers looked terrible until it was too late–losing to the Sacramento Kings 103-90.

Chris Webber had 26 points and nine rebounds, and Mike Bibby scored 24 points as the Sacramento Kings grabbed a 2-1 lead in the NBA Western Conference Finals Friday night.

The two-time defending champions lost for just the fourth time in their last 28 playoff games–but this one was shaping up as an embarrassment until a blistering fourth-quarter rally made the final margin respectable.

The loss, following a narrow defeat in Game 2, gave Los Angeles consecutive playoff defeats for the first time since the 2000 conference finals. It was the Kings' first playoff victory in Los Angeles.

Game 4 is Sunday (Monday in Manila) in Los Angeles, with Game 5 back in Sacramento on Tuesday night (Wednesday morning in Manila).

Kobe Bryant scored 16 of his 22 points in the fourth as Los Angeles scored 14 points in 53 seconds during a 27-12 run –yet the Lakers still never got within 10 points of the Kings, who weren't given much of a chance to threaten in the series despite their Pacific Division title.

Webber punctuated the victory with an alley-oop dunk on a pass from Bibby with a minute left. After the buzzer, Webber pointed at a small section of Sacramento fans and whooped in joy.

Doug Christie had 17 points and 12 rebounds for the Kings, who were at the peak of their high-flying game for the first three quarters. Meantime, the Lakers were booed by their Staples Center fans when they fell behind 75-52 after three quarters.

With the exception of Shaquille O'Neal, who had 20 points and 19 rebounds, the Lakers looked unaccountably flat and listless. Bryant, whose bout with apparent food poisoning from a room-service cheeseburger limited him in Game 2, missed nine of his first 12 shots.

Sacramento improved to 5-0 on the road in the playoffs four days after ending the Lakers' 12-game road playoff winning streak. Playing their fifth straight game without injured All-Star Peja Stojakovic, the Kings got 14 points from Hedo Turkoglu, his young replacement in the starting lineup.

The Lakers are trailing in a playoff series for just the second time since coach Phil Jackson arrived in 1999. Los Angeles lost Game 1 of last season's NBA Finals to Philadelphia before winning four straight.

Before the series, the Lakers questioned whether Sacramento's free-flowing style could win in the playoffs. It won emphatically in Game 3, though the Lakers' poor shooting and some good defense had plenty to do with it.

It has been three years since Sacramento lost a road playoff game to anyone except the Lakers. With 17 wins in their last 19 road games dating back to the regular season, the Kings have played with freedom and flair away from the intensity of Arco Arena–and it quickly showed up at Staples Center.

As the Lakers did in Game 1, the Kings raced to a huge early lead with a scintillating first quarter. Firing away with confidence in their jump shots and flow in their offensive attack, the Kings scored 14 straight points during a 25-6 run spanning the first two quarters. *AP*

Robinson retiring

SAN ANTONIO—David Robinson's 14th NBA season will be his last. The San Antonio Spurs' 10-time All-Star is getting ready to retire.

"My career here has been like a dream–perhaps better than a dream," he said Friday. "It's been a great 13 years for me, and I'm excited about next year."

The 7-foot-1 (2.45 meters) center, who turns 37 in August, will play out the final year of the two-year, $20-million contract he signed last summer. *AP*

SPORTSWATCH

Woods 10 shots back

DUBLIN, Ohio —No thanks to his putter, Tiger Woods is still in the hunt for a fourth consecutive Memorial title. Woods needed 33 putts but salvaged a 2-under-par 70 to reach the midpoint of the tournament at even-par 144. That left him 10 strokes behind leader Justin Leonard, but confident he can become the first player in 72 years to win the same tournament four consecutive times. "I need to shoot something hopefully in the mid 60s tomorrow and see where I stand," Woods said after rounds of 74 and 70. *AP*

Jean, Laura show way

CORNING, New York—Jean Bartholomew shot a 5-under-par 67 on Friday to tie Laura Diaz for the second-round lead in the LPGA Corning Classic. Diaz, who began the day tied for the lead with Beth Bader and Sherri Steinhauer at 6 under, carded three birdies and stayed out of trouble in shooting a 69 for a 9-under 135 total. Rookies Beth Bauer and Jung Yeon Lee of South Korea, each vying for her first victory on tour, were one stroke behind. *AP*

Seles, Rubin advance

MADRID, Spain—Americans Monica Seles and Chandra Rubin won their games Friday and will face each other in the final of the $ 170,000 WTA Madrid Open clay court tournament. Rubin crushed Colombian Fabiola Zuluaga, 6-4, 6-2, while Seles had more problems than expected to beat Argentine Paola Suarez, 4-6, 6-1, 6-3. Seles, the tournament's favorite, is looking for her second championship this year after her victory in Doha, Qatar, against Tamarine Tanasugarn of Thailand. *AP*

Olympic boss quits

WASHINGTON— Sandra Baldwin resigned as president of the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) here Friday after admitting she lied about her educational background. The USOC made the announcement following a conference call with Baldwin, who informed USOC chief executive officer Lloyd Ward she would resign immediately. "I want the best for the Olympic movement, and as one who believes in its ideals, I accept full responsibility for the mistakes I have made," Baldwin, 62, said. "The USOC, our athletes and our volunteers will always hold a special place in my heart."

Elorde fights set

TWO explosive championship fights will be presented by Elorde International Productions under boxing promoter Gabriel "Bebot" Elorde, Jr. on May 31 to be staged at the Ballroom of Elorde Sports Center in Parañaque City. The Rubillar-Gamboa encounter will be supported by the Pan Asian Boxing Association flyweight championship between Archiel Villamor and Jerry Pahayahay. The Rubillar-Gamboa brawl is being supported by Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, Family Rubbing Alcohol, SM SouthMall Las Piñas, SM Makati, Roberto Sporting Wear, Near Water and Elorde Sports Center. Meanwhile, Sen. Robert Z. Barbers has expressed support to all the Filipino fighters and Elorde International Productions.

Fistorama bouts

SAN Miguel Beer's Fistorama today features PBF No. 7 jr. flyweight Marvin dela Cruz against PBF No. 12 jr. flyweight Rodel Quilaton in 10 rounds. Supporting the main event is a four-rounder between unbeaten Leonel Casinillo and Bernie Ladislao. The fights were held recently at the state-of-the-art Joe Cantada Boxing Arena in Taguig, Metro Manila. Fistorama is produced by Joe Cantada Sports and presented by San Miguel Beer. Today's sponsor is Champion cigarettes.

Asian Grand Prix final leg gets going today

By Marc Anthony Reyes

GO TENG KOK

ALREADY getting worldwide attention, the highly successful Asian Grand Prix culminates in Manila today with the staging of the third and final leg dubbed as the PSC-PCSO Grand Prix featuring top caliber athletes from the region and a handful of Filipino talents at the Rizal Memorial track oval.

The inaugural event, aimed at showcasing Asia's elite in track and field, has been generating interest from all over the world, according to Philippine Amateur Track and Field Association president Go Teng Kok.

"And we would want to get our share of the limelight so I'm sending the country's best athletes as well those newcomers who have shown lots of potential," said Go of the event which will be beamed live from 3-5 p.m. over IBC-13.

Later parts of the Grand Prix will be aired on Tuesday also on the same channel by Viva Television from 7-9 p.m.

The one-day affair, which will start with the keynote speech of Vice President and Foreign Affairs Secretary Teofisto Guingona, will feature top six athletes in Asia in 15 events, plus those who will be seeded by the host country.

Go added that the country has already committed to hosting the event on a yearly basis just like the hosts of the first two legs, India and Thailand.

The Philippines, which gauges its Asian Games strength here, will bank on Eduardo Buenavista, who is out to avenge his lost to Sivananda of India in the past two legs in the men's 3,000m.

"I can't afford to let my countrymen down this time," said the 4-foot-11 Buenavista, who hails from Sto. Niño, South Cotabato. He has won two silvers during the India and Thailand leg and amassed $2,000 already.

Gold winners get $2,000, while silver and bronze medalists get $1,000 and $500, respectively.

Joining him are RP team members Lerma Bulauitan in long jump, John Lozada in 800m, Ernie Candelario in 400m and Dandi Gallenero in javelin. Their stints here are part of their preparation for the Busan Asiad where athletics is counted upon to win gold medals.

Jody posts sweep

CALTEX-GLOBE Telecom-Autoplus lead driver Jody Coseteng drove his Honda Civic to victory, upstaging his rivals' Toyota Corollas to sweep the kickoff of the Philippine National Touring Car Championship yesterday in the Casino Filipino Grand Prix at the Batangas Racing Circuit here.

Confident of his car prepared by Autoplus, Coseteng immediately grabbed the pole from the start, posted a laptime of 1:50.832 on the second lap to pull ahead and rule Round 1 of the event sanctioned by the Automotive Association of the Philippines (AAP) and sponsored by the Pilipinas Shell, Casino Filipino, Toyota Motors Phils. MOF Shipping, Norkis-Yamaha, Marlboro and Kilton Motors Corp. The event serves as basis for the country's search for overall Driver of the Year award.

Midway in the race, Coseteng was way ahead of Fujitsu-Team Tom's Jojo Silverio and Vincent Floirendo. As early as the 11th lap, victory was already in the bag.

He finished the 15-lap race in 39:34.879, or 4.643 seconds ahead of Silvero who clocked 39:39.522.

Floirendo came third with 39:39.972 while Caltex-Beefeater's Nilo Pazcoguin and Team TEC-Shell Racing's Tom Pastor wound up fourth and fifth, respectively.

The heavy rains that derailed the afternoon races for 30 minutes did not stop Coseteng from dominating the second race.

While other drives opted for dry setup thinking that the track would dry up fast, Coseteng stuck with wet tires. His decision proved right, and the wet tires pivoted an early 750-meter lead over the rest of the pack as early as the third lap.

Ateneo-La Salle duel backed

STRONG corporate and individual support has ensured another successful staging of the upcoming 15th La Salle-Ateneo Golf Classic set on May 28-30 at the north and south courses of the Canlubang Golf and Country Club in Laguna.

The major sponsors for the tourney where the Ambassador Valdes Cup will be disputed by the two rival schools are PLDT, Smart, Pepsi, TaylorMade Adidas and Union Bank Visa.

Completing the sponsorship roster are Ateneo High School-Batch '77 Classes 4-A, 4-B, 4-C, 4-D, 4-E, 4-F and 4-G, AIG Preferred Banking, Chemalloy/Valvoline, Cinderella, Custom Clubmakers, Dazzle Mineral Water, Diamond Motors, Corp., Flying V/TWA, Foodsphere, Francia Wine, GAOC Dental, Godiva Skin Care, GG&A Club Shares, GSM Panasonic, Information Professional, Inc. Johnny Air Cargo, House of Nuts, Lipovitan, Malayan Insurance, Metro Pacific Pharma, Microtel, Jojo Gambo, Jojo Mendiola, Nativa Green Tea;

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Drueco rallies, rules Intercon

EDGESPORT-Castrol's Arvin Drueco scored a rousing come-from-behind victory in the Intercon-A class of the 2002 Shell Karting Super Series fourth leg at the Carmona Circuit Philippines.

Drueco, a 16-year-old Mapua mechanical engineering student backed by Castrol and Kart Plaza, finished second in the first two heats. On the final race, he started second but was overtaken by his rivals and dropped to sixth place at the first turn from the main straight.

He slowly inched his way up, passing one driver after another including back-to-back winner Jeremy Marquez and third leg winner Dado Pena until he wrested second place on the eighth lap.

9-BALL TOURNEY
Plastic manufacturer JG Summit Petrochemical Corporation recently hosted the Evalene R 2002 Customer 9-Ball Billiard Tournament at Cue Zone. Billy Sy of JR Mfg. (second from left) won first place and a four-day Hong Kong Tour package for two. Also shown are (from left) JGSPC VP for sales Paul Sy, second place winner Albert Ty of Dynapak and JGSPC VP for accounts development, Benjie Tan.

MJC 'experiment' and Caffe Baci

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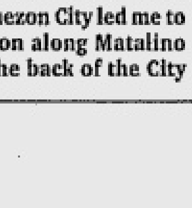
Edwin Villanueva



THE MANILA Jockey Club's move to do away with the daily double and extra double at the start of the Pick 6 and Winner-Take-All the past racing weekdays was just "experimental."

Kareristas have been flooding us with calls about the changes since Friday so we decided to hear it straight from MJC manager Rudy Prado to explain.

Prado said the club was exploring the possibility of increasing the sales in the Pick 6 and WTA should racing fans concentrate on these two popular betting events.

"We also thought *na baka sa ibang* event *sila tumaya* like forecast or triple trifecta. *Maganda naman ang* response so far," said Prado.

Having three WTA and a couple of Pick 6 events like yesterday and in today's schedule is likewise part of the experiment.

"*Pag mas maraming* WTA *o* Pick *mas maraming* chance *na manalo o kaya naman makabawi*," Prado explained.

So there.

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Last Friday afternoon's traffic mess around the East Avenue area in Quezon City led me to an off-track betting station along Matalino Road, a busy stretch at the back of the City Hall.

But instead of staying long at the OTBS, I found myself stuck in a nearby joint called Caffe Baci.

I was offered the specialty of the house which was the Mocha Frappe. It tasted heavenly, far better than those I tried in some other coffee shops, because I found out that the ingredients used for the drink were imported directly from Italy. I also tried the fillet mignon meal which was equally great.

Right beside Caffe Baci is Better Bodies which I heard is now the No. 1 fitness center in the city.

Sportsman-businessman Mon Saret said Caffe Baci and Better Bodies are the places to be these days in Quezon City.

By the way, *baci* means "kiss" in Italian.

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Delariarte foils Que's history bid

By Jong Arcano

GEN. TRIAS, Cavite—When it all came down to who makes the biggest short putt on the final hole, Jerome Delariarte saw how a putter can turn a best friend's bid for history around. And in the most shocking manner.

Delariarte captured his biggest prize as a golfer after Angelo Que bungled a putt that seemed too short to miss on the final hole, pulling off a 1 up victory in their 36-hole showdown at Eagle Ridge's Dye course to crown himself the new Philippine amateur golf champion.

Que needed to make just a three-foot putt for par to send the gruelling finale into an extension. But the ball swerved away of the cup, denying the Fil-Chinese from matching a 30-year-old record of three consecutive crowns.

As a nip-and-tuck day-long battle where no player led by no more than three reached the final hole with the score still dead even, Delariarte looked ready to put the lock on the crown after reaching the greenside with his second shot and Que had gone to the bunker.

Que then set himself up for a downhill birdie try from 16 feet. But things became more interesting when Delariarte bungled his eagle attempt with his putt going four feet past the hole and gave Que a new lease on life when his birdie putt lipped out of the cup.

Que, however, succumbed to pressure as he misread the line of his final putt.

Top officials of the sponsoring DHL Philippines and Wide Wide World Express as well as Mitsubishi Motors, the organizing National Golf Association of the Philippines and host Eagle Ridge awarded the prizes to the top finishers.

"He's got two already, I think I deserve to win one," said Delariarte, hardly showing any regret in disappointing his training partner as Southwoods players and bosom buddy.

"He played better so I guess he deserves the crown more," said Que, who is expected to lead the country's Asian Games campaign with Delariarte three months from now.

Que made what could be the shot of the tournament on the 35th hole, the treacherous par-3 eighth, where he saved par from the deep, deep bunker and an unraked lie to draw level with Delariarte.

Que's final drive landed on the rough which made it difficult for him to reach the green with his second shot.

9-cock derby lures big field

MORE than 60 participants are anticipated to see action in the upcoming 2002 Mandaluyong 9-Cock International Derby second leg on June 4, 6 and 8 at the Mandaluyong Coliseum. It will start at 5 p.m. sharp.

Derby sponsors are Pagcor, Washout Shampoo of Lakpue Drug Inc. and Sagupaan Super Feeds.

The first leg held in January, and won by Henry Tan (Dynasty), Jun Marasigan (BL Intruder), Mayor Ashley Arayata (Agilahas) and Boy de Roca (Guagua Coliseum), is actually Mandaluyong Coliseum's biggest crowd-drawer so far this year.

OPMI president Vic Yu and Negros cocker Ramon Mansenares are hosting this blue ribbon collision of local and international pit stars.

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METRO

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'The Met will live again'

By Jerome Aning

STROLL in the brightly lit, verdant Liwasang Bonifacio while killing time, then take the underpass and cross over to the Metropolitan Theater to catch a concert or a play. After the show, take the underpass again and come up in Intramuros for a nightcap or a late meal at any of the area's bars and restaurants.

Sounds like a good time, except that part of it is not possible, yet. The Liwasan is bright and verdant, Intramuros is as lively as day even at night, but the Metropolitan Theater is rundown and empty. Anyone emerging from the Met side of the underpass will be greeted only by darkness and silence and dirt and stink.

Manila vows to change all that as it gets set to seal an agreement with the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) that will allow the city government to redevelop the Met.

Mayor Lito Atienza last week said the city's legal department was preparing the draft of a memorandum of agreement between the city and GSIS that will turn over to Manila the redevelopment and management of the theater.

"The Met will live again," the mayor said yesterday through his spokesperson Armand Sebastian. "We're excited over the prospects of redeveloping and reopening the Met because it will complement the redevelopment of nearby areas like the Liwasang Bonifacio."

According to City Hall, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo last month ordered the National Commission on Culture and the Arts to set aside P50 million for the renovation of the derelict theater, which in the '80s was a busy venue for concerts, plays and other events.

THE MET/ A26

EMPTY halls, sometimes flooded floors and a flood of memories of glories past are all that remain of the Metropolitan Theater today. DENNIS SABANGAN

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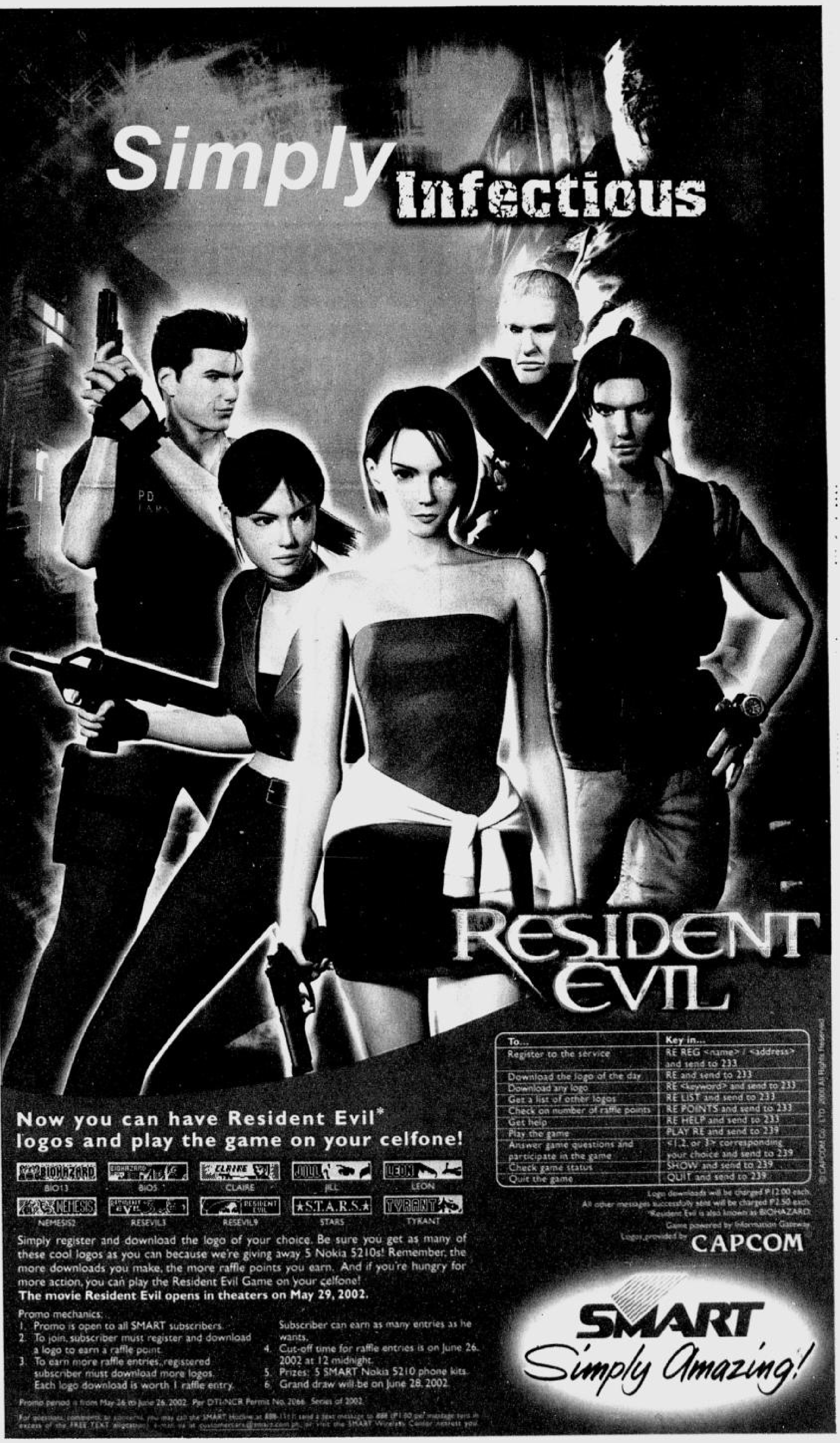

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Free movies for elderly

By Jerome Aning

THEATER owners will also benefit from the recently approved Manila ordinance which grants the city's senior citizens free admission to moviehouses.

This was the reply of one of the law's authors, Councilor Miles Roces, to criticisms that the measure is impractical and could make a dent on the revenues of theaters.

"Theater owners stand to gain from the measure, since most senior citizens who will watch movies for free will have to be accompanied by relatives or friends who are not senior citizens, and will thus be paying for their admission," Roces said.

Manila residents who are 60 years old and above only have to present their senior citizen's card and they will be admitted free of charge in all moviehouses in the city.

"This is an additional benefit for the elderly in Manila, many of whom do not have much opportunities or resources for entertainment," Roces said.

Moviehouse operators who refuse to admit senior citizens will be fined P5,000 or jailed for a month or both, if the court so decides.

Roces said all theater owners and theater associations in Manila support the ordinance.

He said the giving of free admissions is a "social gesture" of the theater owners who were recently benefited by another ordinance giving them one-fifth of the City Hall's share in the amusement tax on movies.

The councilors debated for an hour the provisions of the ordinance before passing it on third and final reading on May 14.

They agreed to prohibit senior citizens from going to the movies in large junket groups.

Councilor Kim Atienza expressed fear that a theater owner could easily "sabotage" a rival's operation by herding scores of senior citizens to the latter's theater.

The council adopted a suggestion by Councilor Robert Ortega that the free admissions be made not effective on the film's first day of showing, on Sundays and holidays.

Councilor Cita Astals said she was concerned that theater owners would discriminate against the old moviegoers.

Another councilor, Bernardito Ang, asked if the senior citizens would be allowed to choose where to sit in theaters that have balcony and orchestra seats.

But Roces, whose family used to own a moviehouse, said the possibility of theater owners losing profit is nil since not all senior citizens would watch the same movie at the same time.

Councilor Danilo Varona said senior citizens should be banned from watching "bold films." But the majority agreed that senior citizens are "old enough" to decide which movie to watch.

'The Met will live again'

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Aside from the P50 million assistance from the NCCA, City Hall will also try to raise funds for the restoration of the Met to its original splendor, Atienza said.

He recalled that the Met, which stands near the foot of Quezon Bridge, was last renovated when former First Lady Imelda Marcos was still Metro Manila governor.

In the city government's monthly publication, Maynila Ngayon, Atienza said City Hall was involved in talks with GSIS president and general manager Winston Garcia for an amicable settlement of the legal issues regarding the Met.

He said he the GSIS should just give to the city government the management of the Met. "Mr. Garcia told me the GSIS is in no position to manage the Met anyway," Atienza said. "He is amenable to turning over its management to the city."

During the Marcos regime, the Met was run by a non-government organization and administered by the mother of actor Edu Manzano, the mayor said.

After the GSIS filed a lawsuit against Mrs. Marcos' administration as Metro Manila governor for nonpayment of loans, a court ordered the Met confiscated and turned it over to the GSIS.

Mrs. Marcos had originally borrowed P30 million from the GSIS, with the Met as collateral, Atienza said.

The debt has since ballooned to about P300 million due to penalties, interest charges and "penalties over penalties."

The case is still pending before the Supreme Court.

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Yell 'Fire!' and . . .

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CABRERA

"(The magnitude of) a fire triples within two to three minutes," he warns.

He cites a recent fire in Caloocan that he says could have escalated into an "Ozone-like tragedy" if someone had not had the presence of mind to call 117.

Arvin G. David, arson investigator of the Caloocan City Fire Station, says the fire hit International Cabaret at the corner of M.H. del Pilar Street and 3rd Avenue in Grace Park, Caloocan City, at 2:44 a.m. on Feb. 17, a Sunday.

"A certain Romero Duran saw smoke coming out of a room on the second floor of the dance hall, and he dialed 117," says David. The arson investigator assigned to the case at the time, Fire Officer 2 Edwin Buenaventura, would learn afterward that an unattended candle that fell from an altar sparked the fire. His report ruled out arson.

Caloocan Fire Substation Commander Angel Pacheco narrates that upon getting the report through 117, firemen reached the place within three minutes. At that unholy hour, International Cabaret was packed. Caloocan Fire Station Commander Agapito Nacario estimates that about 200 people were there at the time.

The first thing Nacario and Pacheco did was to advise the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Pagulayan, to keep mum about the fire so as not to trigger a stampede. The bar's customers still had no inkling then that there was a fire in their midst.

"En route to the fire scene, I radioed the tanker right away to instruct my men to turn off the 'wang-wang' (siren) so as not to cause people to panic," he says. "When we got there, the fire had spread."

He noted the presence of a slum beside the bar, so there was a big risk of the fire spreading further.

Because the fire was reported at once to 117, three fire trucks arrived quickly and the fire was put out within five minutes of their arrival. Caloocan Substation Commander Pacheco stresses the importance of dialing 117 or reporting a fire as soon as it breaks out. "A fire that lasts five to 10 minutes is a big one," he says. "It takes just a few seconds for a whole house to be burned to the ground). Thirty minutes and that's an entire block."

In another 117 case, fire hit Barangay Tugatog at the boundary of Caloocan and Malabon on March 28, Maundy Thursday. Malabon Fire Station arson investigator PO1 Bernard Cruz says 117 radioed the station at 10:52 a.m. Other calls reporting the same fire started coming in one after the other.

The radioman eventually raised the alarm to second, eventually raising it along the way to third, fourth, fifth and then to Task Force Alpha, representing a call for assistance from other fire stations outside the Caloocan-Malabon-Navotas-Valenzuela (Camanava) area. The alarm ultimately reached Task Force Charlie, representing a call for further reinforcements.

Aside from those dispatched by the fire stations of the Camanava area, the fire trucks that came included those of various volunteer fire brigades from all over the metropolis. By the time the last fire truck had arrived, the whole length of Lascano Street, the main street of Barangay Tugatog, was clogged with a long line of fire trucks.

The fire was placed under control by 12:10 p.m. and was completely out by 1:48 p.m.

Like Chief Insp. Nacario and Senior Supt. Cabrera, Arson investigator Bernard Cruz cites the role played by the Department of Interior and Local Government's 117 program in putting out fires. "That's why I advise people to call 117 in case of fire," he says.

Aside from the Bureau of Fire Protection, some of the other government and non-government units that are part of the Call 117 network are the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Meralco, Bantay Bata 163, even LGUs down to the barangay level.

According to statistics, since its launch in September 2001, the average response time of responding units contacted through 117 is a world-class seven minutes, way below the standard response time of 10 minutes.

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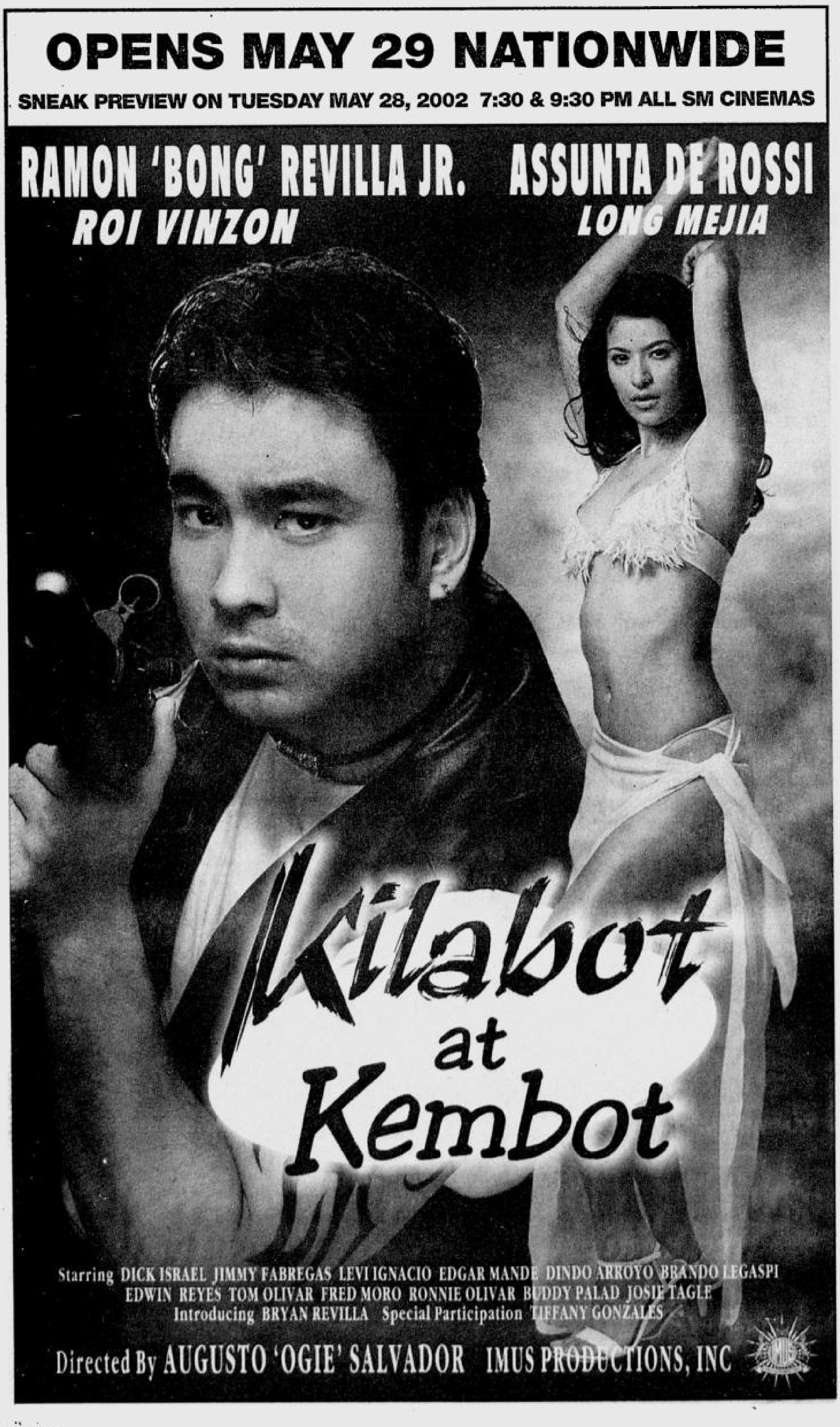

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Terrorized

ABOUT 50 armed men said to be on the payroll of businessman Gregorio "Greggy" Araneta III yesterday allegedly terrorized hundreds of residents of Pangarap Village in Caloocan City, firing their guns in the air and dismantling the tent where the homeowners have been holding a prayer vigil. Resident Olivia Cuevas, 43, said the armed men poked a gun at her while the other men dismantled their tent. "They poked their guns even on small children," Cuevas said. She said the men belonged to Meshem Security Agency and they arrived on the contested property at 4 a.m. yesterday on board a bus and a yellow pick-up (KBL 183), which was also loaded with firearms. The armed men announced that Araneta had ordered them to clear the street of obstructions. The residents complained that when police arrived, "they did not do anything, they just picked up the empty shells."

Tina Santos

Warned

SMALL-TIME kidnapping gangs are on the prowl in school zones in Metro Manila and nearby provinces, sizing up potential victims they can snatch during the opening of the school year, an anti-crime group warned yesterday. The Citizens Action Against Crime said the syndicates will be looking for "easy victims and money." They are dangerous because they will not hesitate to kill their prey, CAAC spokesperson Teresita Ang-See said in a statement. She said the "small-time" kidnappers will be on the lookout for students or their parents who have automated teller machine cards. She said the suspects will abduct the ATM user and have the victim ride with them to look for an on-line ATM machine. They force the victim to withdraw the money before they release him, she said.

Jerome Aning

Hunted

A MAN from Mindanao could be one of four men who shot and killed two men in a robbery in Pasay City last Thursday, police said. SPO1 Antonio Canoy said authorities are looking for the man with a "Southern accent" for shooting the employees of Jacinto Money Changer in Pasay City. In a police sketch, the man was described to be about 33 years old, 5-foot-5 and fair complexioned. He and three other men were seen by witnesses as the ones who gunned down Frederico Linsangan, 33, and his brother Eduardo, 38, on the Airport Road at about 11 a.m. Thursday. After the shooting, the four robbers took their bag containing an undetermined amount in foreign currencies, police said.

Christian Esguerra

Teased

SECURITY guard Lloyd Libanana, 35, apparently couldn't take a joke. According to PO2 Anthony Alising of the Parañaque Police, driver Danilo Oliva, of Barangay Tambo, Parañaque, started to tease Libanana, of Bayview Drive, Tambo, until the latter lost his temper. PO2 Alising said that at 10:15 a.m., Libanana felt he had had enough. He drew his .38-caliber service firearm, and shot Oliva at the Astro-Shine Company on Bayview Drive, Tambo, where they work. Police said the driver died on the way to the Parañaque Community Hospital. Police are looking for the suspect.

Alcuin Papa

Beaten

CHIEF Insp. Napoleon Gauyan, assigned to the Philippine National Police headquarters in Camp Crame, Quezon City, is in deep trouble after he threatened and mauled a draftsman in Makati City on Friday. Ramon Rorecare, 37, of Makati City, told police he suffered a gash in the head and bruises in the body as a result of the beating he allegedly received from Gauyan. Police said Rorecare and Gauyan had an argument at the Christian Sports Center on Buenconsejo Street at about 5 p.m. Friday. Gauyan apparently lost his temper, beat up Rorecare and fled, police said. The victim immediately went to the Makati Police headquarters and filed charges against Gauyan.

Alcuin Papa

Stabbed

WIDOWER Cesar G. Angeles, 50, is on the run from the law after he killed his older brother Fernando, 55, at their residence on F. Varona Street in Tondo, Manila on Friday. Detective Rodello Lingcoy, of the Western Police District, said Cesar started to quarrel with Fernando when the latter would not let him use the gas stove. At 1 a.m. Friday, Fernando's nephew Edgardo, 35, told police that when he checked on his uncles, he saw Cesar running out of their house. Edgardo then saw Fernando slumped on the floor with two stab wounds in the back and a third in the chest. The victim did not make it alive to the hospital, Lingcoy said.

Philip Tubeza

DGP STATEMENT

'Did GMA authorize anyone to flaunt her veto power?'

THE DIRECTORS' Guild of the Philippines Inc., while appreciative of the House-Senate bicameral conference committee's approval of the bill creating the Film Development Council of the Philippines (FDCP), on the record protests the exclusion of the anti-censorship provisions in the same bill allegedly to avert presidential veto.

The DGPI was part of an activist film group that lobbied for thorough film development founded on two kinds of incentives for works that would pass the standards of the FDCP: the financial reward of tax rebates to embolden producers into making films outside of traditional commercial formulas, and the protection from arbitrary Movie and Television Review and Classification Board censorship to stimulate writers and directors to make provocative films that examine our human and social conditions.

This two-pronged approach was passed by the House of Representatives on May 14.

But so-called film industry leaders pushed solely for tax incentives for an awarded film, indifferent to said film ending up banned in whole or in part by the MTRCB, a possibility several times proven by well-publicized reports of the agency's whimsical interpretation of the law that created it.

Ex-DGPI members Laurice Guillen and Marilou Diaz-Abaya agreed to have the censorship exemption proviso killed on committee level in the Senate, maintaining along with Marichu Maceda that that was the way President Macapagal-Arroyo wanted it. This suggestion of a presidential veto was somewhat confirmed when Senate committee on public information chair Vicente Sotto III cited his "marching orders" from the "powers that be" three times as he steered the tax-rewards-only Recto-Legarda Senate version into approval at the bicameral conference last May 16, at the Manila Hotel.

And this, we deplore.

Over and above the need of a moribund film industry for legislation stands the constitutional guarantee for the separation of the legislative and executive branches of government.

In this light, the DGPI questions if, in fact, the President had given anyone authority to flaunt the threat of her veto for a proposal not to her liking. The DGPI asks if, in fact, the President as quoted by Maceda had told Senate President Franklin Drilon and Senator Sotto that she would not sign the bill into law if it were to include the provision on censorship exemption.

The DGPI cannot simply sit back as mute witness to the traditional politicking that this administration pledged to banish upon its inauguration, and to the continuing disregard of the Constitution that guarantees, among others, freedom of expression and the separation of the branches of government. ***DGPI, May 22, 2002***

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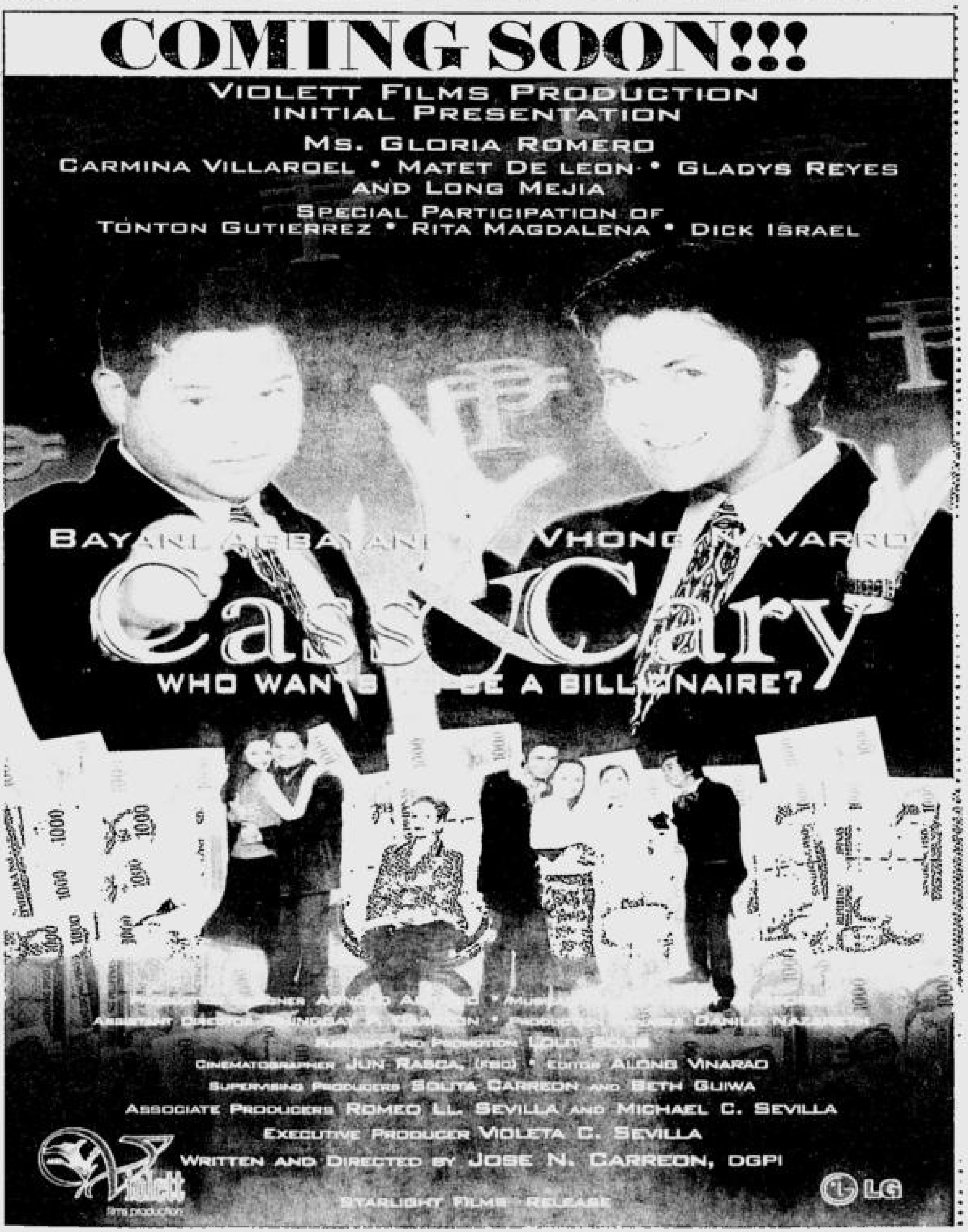
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Gerard: Out of Lea's shadow and into his own

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Leah Salterio

THREE years ago, when **Gerard Salonga** entered the music industry as a summa cum laude graduate of the Berkelee College on Music in Boston, he was simply referred to as the younger brother of **Lea Salonga**.

He didn't mind. In fact, he now admits, it even helped him get jobs.

But today, Gerard is undoubtedly his own man in the music industry. As a musical director, he has worked not only with his famous sister but also with the likes of **Regine Velasquez, Jaya, Pops Fernandez, Lani Misalucha, Joey Generoso** and **Ogie Alcasid**.

He has even shared the stage with his mentor, **Ryan Cayabyab**, whom he assisted in a concert of **Basil Valdez** at Captain's Bar of Mandarin Oriental Manila.

"Even when I'm still referred to as Lea's brother, I have no problem with that," Gerard maintains. "I'm very proud of her. But there's also nothing wrong with being recognized for your own merits."

Unlike Lea who hogged the limelight even when she was still young, Gerard didn't pursue a show biz career. He dabbled in acting once and starred in the Viva Films movie, "Like Father, Like Son."

"It was fun but it didn't get me going like Lea," he says. "I didn't like the attention. But my mom (**Ligaya Salonga**) influenced us to be the best in whatever we want, whether a journalist, painter or doctor."

He originally wanted to become a humor writer like **Dave Barry**. But music became his passion, so he enrolled at Berkelee even if it meant living alone in Boston.

"Berkelee is not the traditional music school that produces great musicians," Gerard points out. "The school's aim is to produce graduates who want to be in the music industry."

Even before he graduated from Berklee, Gerard proved he could carve a niche for himself in the music industry. He accepted a stint as orchestra conductor for Repertory Philippines' production of "Carousel." He also worked as musical director for the shows of **Geneva Cruz** at Captain's Bar and Music Museum.

"The job of a musical director is to support the artist," Gerard explains. "In the classical world, the conductor is the star of the show. But in pop culture, it's always the artist who is topbilled."

In the repeat of Lea's Broadway concert on June 19 at the PICC, Gerard will leave the limelight to his big sister. The repeat will also mark the release of the concert's live album (from BMG Records Pilipinas) which Gerard has been working on for the past three months. The show is produced by Bayo, the garment line Lea is endorsing.

"There's not much work this time compared to the previous one," Gerard says. "The repertoire has been prepared so we simply have to rehearse. But we're changing some songs."

As a musical director, Gerard says he has to continuously learn in his job.

"Music is half craft, half gift," he says. "You go forward to study traditional music and to learn about the musical trends."

Gerard has also invested in modern musical equipment which fills up his music room at home. Last month, when he went to the United States to play for Lea in a special show, he used his talent fee to buy new synthesizers.

"That's my business," he says. "In the same way an actor goes to the spa and gym and keeps a regimen to look good, I have to keep my gadgets updated."

After concerts and recording, Gerard will soon try his hand at doing musical scores. He will start with **Mel Chionglo**'s new drama, "Kapalit," which stars **Alma Moreno, Jay Manalo** and **Victor Neri**.

Gerard's eyes light up when he talks about noted musician **Ennio Moricone**, who did the score for such acclaimed films as **Sergio Leone's** "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly," **Roland Joffe**'s "The Mission" and **Giuseppe Tornatore**'s "Malena" and "Cinema Paradiso."

As a song writer, Gerard hasn't released his compositions commercially. His only released work was a song for Repertory Philippines' production of "Miong," the life story of Gen. **Emilio Aguinaldo**.

MOM'S BOY. His mother Ligaya taught Gerard and his sister to be the best in whatever they do.

Weird feats and types on 'Ripley's'

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animal's ways. But, for some reason, he didn't look all that beautiful himself—just a guy with orange skin and a lot of spots tattooed on it. *Huwag pansinin*!

It's a good thing that the show occasionally interrupted this parade of weird, "look-at-me!" types with some features that were still unique but didn't freak viewers out.

The most inspiring was the triumphant story of a quadruple amputee who was so determined to live a normal, useful life that she had herself fitted with state-of-the-art prostheses that enabled her to walk, type, paint, and work as a TV newscaster.

"Ripley's" should have more such features to show viewers how to rise above their own problems or limitations, no matter how insurmountable they may seem to be. Send the *kulang-sa-pansin* characters off on a long vacation. We can all use a break from such trying-hard weirdos.

Culminating activity

THE AWARENESS of Light Lighting Design Workshop will culminate at 4 p.m. today, May 26, at the Sinag Arts Studio with performances of Dulaang Talyer's "Isang Buhay sa Tambakan" and Footworks Dance Theater's "Bagong Tuklas Sining."

Fifteen participants in the workshop will design the lights for the productions.

Ace lighting designer **Shoko Matsumoto** conducted the workshop. Call 531-3491. The Sinag Art Studio is at 664 San Ignacio St., Brgy. Plainview, Mandaluyong City.

Sinag will also hold a "Shapes, Materials and Procedure" Workshop in Mold-making on June 10 and 11. Resource speaker is **Rene Cubar.**

'Reigne on Tour'

REGINE Velasquez will perform at Ratsy's on Tomas Morato on Thursday, May 30. She will sing songs from her latest album. Call 373-9882.

'Woman on Top'

"WOMAN on Top," the film that made **Penelope Cruz** a hot item in Hollywood, will be screened on Star Movies at 9 p.m. today. Replay is at 10:45 p.m. on May 31.

Cruz plays a young woman who, after discovering her boyfriend's infidelity, goes to the United States to live with her childhood friend, who's become a transvestite.

Her prayers to the goddess of the sea are answered when she is made the star-host of a hot, new cooking show. Despite her success, however, she's miserable. At first, she leans on other people for strength, but she eventually realizes that she must find her happiness alone.

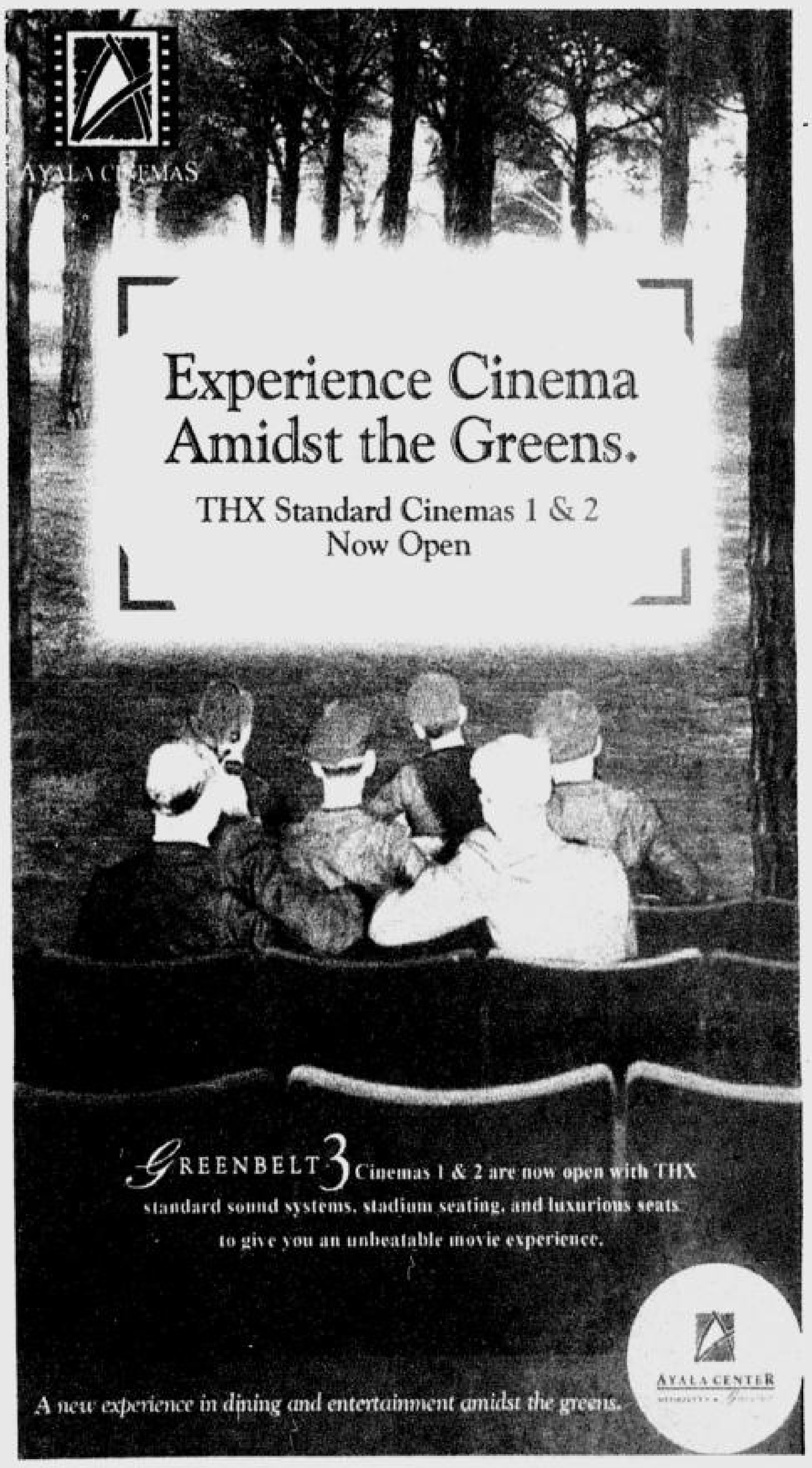
'Combat Missions'

THERE'S a new reality TV show on the tube—"Combat Missions," telecast every Wednesday at 9 p.m. on Studio 23, replacing "The District."

Set at Camp Windstorm in the Mojave Desert, the competition is designed for Navy SEALs, SWAT, CIA, Marine Recon, Delta Force and Green Berets. It challenges four elite squads of four members each with forced marches, physical training and simulated combat missions using state-of-the-art laser weapons.

The competition lasts for 15 episodes. Each week, a losing squad must vote off the member who appears to be a liability to the group. The last man standing gets the $250,000 pot.

The participants include two Medal of Valor winners, a Purple Heart recipient, and other standout combat fighters. **Rudy Boesch**, the camp's commander, has logged in 13 years with the Navy's underwater demolition team, and is the recipient of many awards, including the Bronze Star.



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ENTERTAINMENT

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Weird feats and types on 'Ripley's'

VIEWFIND

Nestor U. Torre

LAST week's telecast of "Ripley's Believe It or Not" on RPN 9 led off with a feature showcasing the unusual "talent" of a Filipino. He was **Jess Caingoy**, also known as the Master of Pain.

He was named such because he claimed to possess the ability to rise above the pain brought about by such weird feats as pulling an entire vehicle by a leash tied to a metal rod imbedded in the skin of his neck (!).

Well, you can imagine the impact that Caingoy's display of seemingly superhuman prowess had on the American high school students who witnessed it. Their "ugh!" and "Oh, God!" reactions gave the show an early high point in terms of audience involvement that the evening's other features could only attempt to approximate. *Nagwagi na naman ang Pinoy*! But, one fretted, why did it have to be in a "*kulang sa pansin*" display like this?

We soon got our answer: most of the other features on "Ripley's" that night were similarly on "*kulang sa pansin*" types, like:

- The wizend man who loved eating live scorpions, deadly tails and all. Most other people avoided them like the plague, but he loved the way they tasted! What about those "deadly" tails? He had eaten so many scorpions (more than 30,000!) that they had lost their sting a long, long time ago.
- The woman who wore clothes made from thread woven from her own hair. No, her husband hadn't cut off her clothing allowance, she just wanted to be, uh, different. After all, who else in the entire universe can claim to be wearing a dress that she'd made after patiently collecting her own hair for eight long years?!
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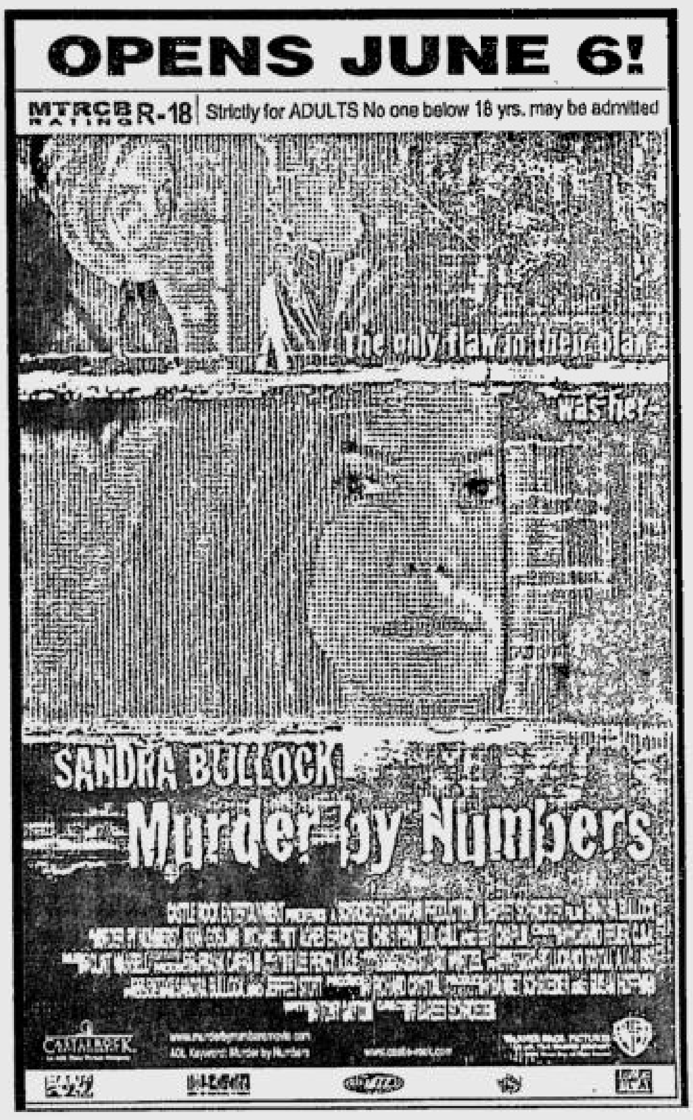
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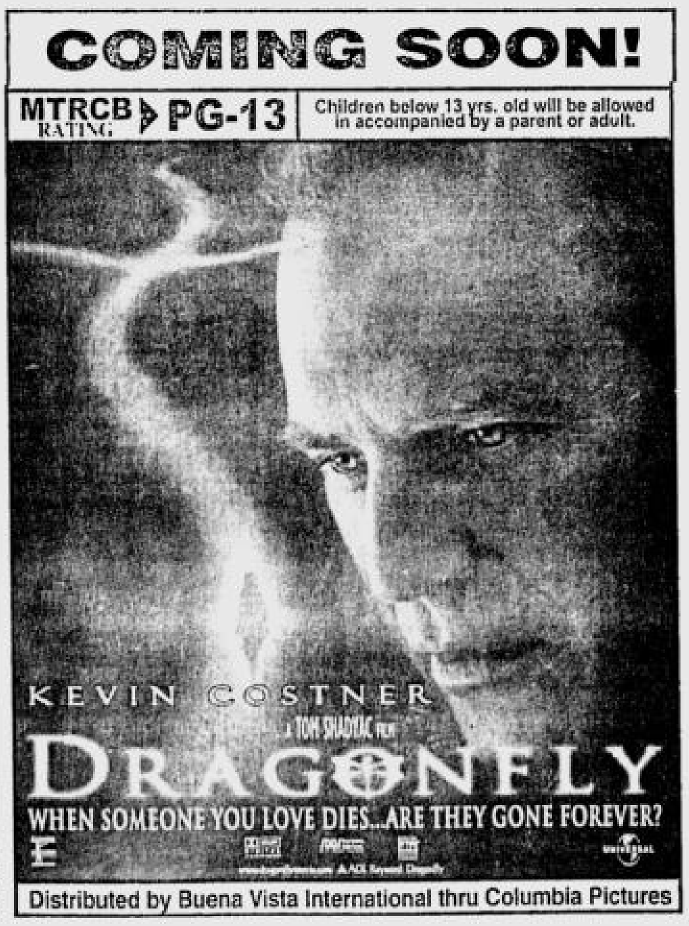
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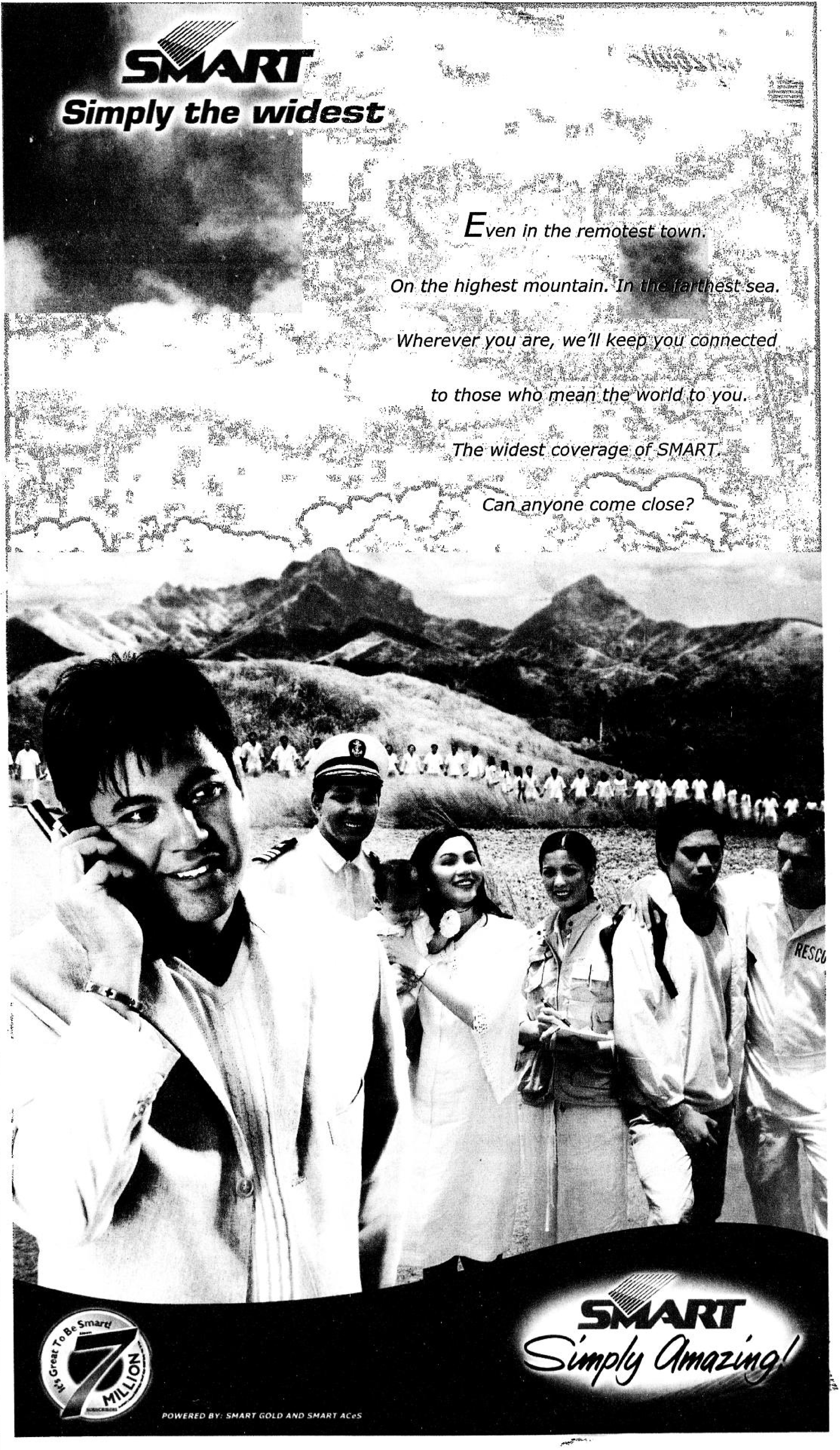

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Advertising great was once turned away by ad agencies

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

THE LADY who has become a legend in Philippine advertising could not even land a job in any ad agency when she started out.

McCann Erickson-Philippines chair Emily Altomonte-Abrera recalls knocking on the doors of several ad agencies in the '70s but no one would accept her. Many reasoned that her husband was working with another agency, thus, could pose a conflict. None bothered to value the rich talent that was obviously in her.

Abrera says her creative talent came from her very close relationship with the man whom she describes as a Renaissance man.

Abrera's "Papa" was an Italian who migrated to the Philippines after a failed romance. She recalls that when Franco Altomonte saw the Manila sunset as his ship docked the Philippine shores, he uttered, "I am home."

And Altomonte never left the country he called his own.

FIRST JOB

Her father was a photographer who kept a studio where Abrera spent most of her summers. Before settling down as a photographer, Franco Altomonte worked with Botica Boie. He set up the drugstore in various parts of the country.

So Emily, and her three siblings were born in various parts of the country and spent a lot of time in various schools.

"I was born Aug. 6, 1947. My two brothers were born in Bicol and my sister was born in Las Pinas," she tells the INQUIRER.

Her sister, Frankie, was one and a half years older and was asthmatic, so they ended up being classmates since second grade at the St. Jaime high school in Malabon. Abrera recalls that her sister was tall and bubbly while she was short and quiet.

"The nuns in the school noticed that I was always one step behind her. They told my father that it might be better if I stopped for a year," she says.

Her father heeded the nuns' advice and she stopped after first year high school, but she became far from idle.

At 13, Abrera became a photographer's assistant and worked in her father's darkroom. The year was 1960.

"I was so fascinated. I became a lab assistant. My father did commercial photography," she says.

Father and daughter became very close that summer. "To this day I feel that my father was my friend. I had a fabulous year. I discovered myself."

The following year, Abrera grew literally and figuratively. She went back to school a more confident child.

"From being third from the front, I became the last in the line," she recalls. Today, Abrera is one of the tallest ladies in the advertising industry at 5 feet nine and a half inches tall.

She made new friends and "excelled with-

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THE 5'9" Abrera (right) used to be one of the shortest in class. With sister Frankie.

ONE of Franco Altomonte's great photos of daughter Emily at 7.

FLASHBACK

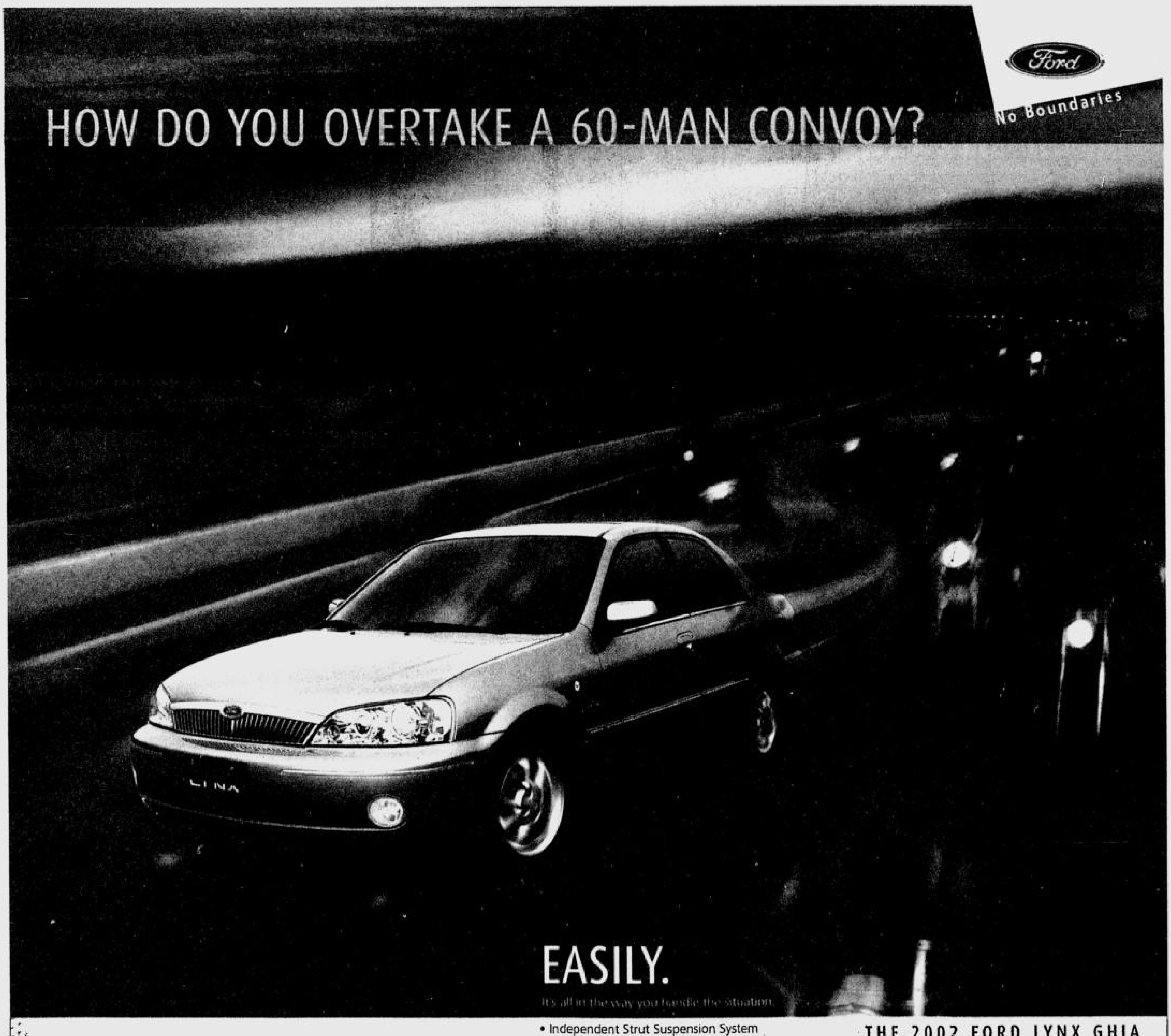
AS a young mom in 1969, Emily Abrera spent P40 every 15 days for all her grocery needs. She and husband Caloy were paying P200 a month for the rent of a flat. When her kids were going to school in the '70s, she sent them to a Montessori and she says her sister had to help them financially.

They were able to build a house only in 1999, on the lot where Caloy's parents used to live on. Emily says their priority had always been to travel and see the country and the world.

All these years her driving force was not money but "the satisfaction of creating." Because of this passion, she fulfilled her father's dream for her.

"My father never stopped for one moment convincing me that I will become famous and fabulous like Madame Curie."

A YOUNG mom in 1970 with Joanna.



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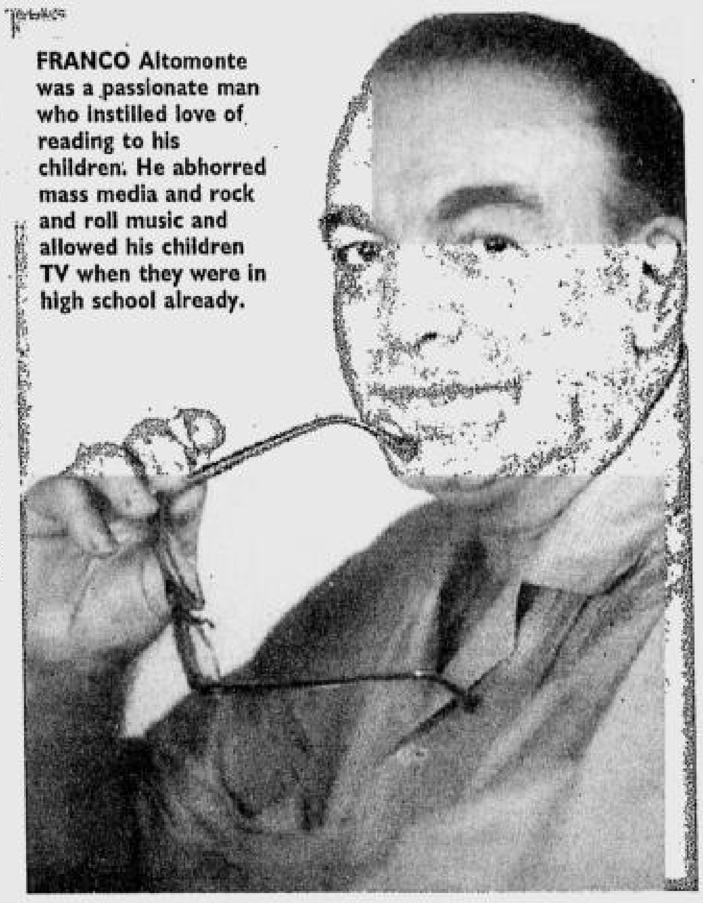
EMILY and Caloy preferred to use their savings on travel. Shown here in one of the parks in Hong Kong.

EMILY's mom taught her housekeeping. With children Paolo and Joanna, Emily and mother-in-law.



FRANCO Altomonte was a passionate man who instilled love of reading to his children. He abhorred mass media and rock and roll music and allowed his children TV when they were in high school already.

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out even trying."

Abrera breezed through high school and graduated in 1964. She initially wanted to take up Fine Arts in college, but her younger brother seemed the better candidate, so she switched paths.

"The nearest was journalism," she says. Writing was a breeze for Abrera who was asked by her father every summer to write about anything under the sun.

She enrolled in Maryknoll but her free spirit was more suited to the University of the Philippines' ways so she transferred after her freshman year. There she met her future husband, Caloy, on the steps of AS (Arts and Sciences) in UP.

He could not speak to her that first time they met as he just had a tooth pulled. They saw each other again the following week, and from then on became inseparable.

"I think we were the first love of each other," she muses.

She finished college in 1968 and by 1969 was married and had a baby. She says she actually got herself pregnant so she did not have to migrate to Australia as the family was considering the move.

By this time she was managing her dad's studio while her brother did the photography.

McCANN's top guns. SVP Aleli Villanueva, president Patricia Arches, chair Emily, Interpublic chair John Dooner, and Universal McCann head Venus Navalta.

Abrera earned P250 a month while managing the studio. But when her father passed away in 1972 of cancer, she and her brother decided to close the studio and she started looking for a job.

She applied in J. Walter Thompson, PAC, Ideas Inc., Philprom. No one would take her because husband Caloy was working for J. Romero and Associates. She offered her services for free to Ideas Inc. just to get experience. But they also did not hire her.

EMILY was an excited grandmother at 40. She was involved in some of J&J's great ads.

WITH Caloy, daughter Joanna and first "apo." Emily likes spending time with her family in parks.

She finally approached J. Romero's copy chief and asked for a job as "no one wants me because of Caloy."

She offered to do work for free for two months after which they could decide whether she was worth it. They hired her and paid her P500 which according to Abrera "was better than what I was expecting."

Husband Caloy was earning close to that amount. But after finally finding a job, she quit.

Copra prices rose in 1974 and since Caloy's family had land in Palawan, they decided to try their luck at farming.

The agency's owner, Jake Romero, whom Abrera says reminded her of her father, was angry with them and told her that she should stay as she belonged in advertising. Their minds, however, were set.

They sold everything they owned for P13,000, packed their two kids off with her mom and went to Palawan.

Caloy and Emily ended up staying there for just a year as prices of copra in the world market dropped, making it impossible for them to stay in what they described as paradise.

"We had a great time together. Our relationship was strengthened and deepened," she says

Before going back to Manila, they spent six weeks in Europe, which was her prize for winning a travel writing contest.

After their long honeymoon, they started looking for work. Caloy did not want to go back to advertising so he set up a consultancy firm, while Emily went back to J. Romero. After only a few months, Jake Romero passed away and his brother-in-law, Jose Sta. Maria, took over.

Emily had by then spoken to McCann Erickson but Sta. Maria did not want her to leave, so he used his influence over his brother who was with Coke at that time to tell off McCann which was handling the soft drink. McCann rescinded its offer to Abrera.

Emily knew then that her days with J Romero were numbered. What finally made her quit was an incident which showed the bad side of management at that time.

One of the agency's media persons passed away and she found out that after 11 years with the company he was only earning P6,500. He had four children. The agency people raised P2,000 to help the family and asked management to match the amount. Management refused.

"*Nayanig ago* (I was shaken)," Ermily recalls.

Finally in 1978 she moved to McCann as creative group head. She worked under comedian Tessie Tomas as associate creative director and when Tomas left in 1981, she was named creative director.

By 1992, she was appointed president and CEO of McCann and in January 1999, she became chair of the country's largest advertising agency.

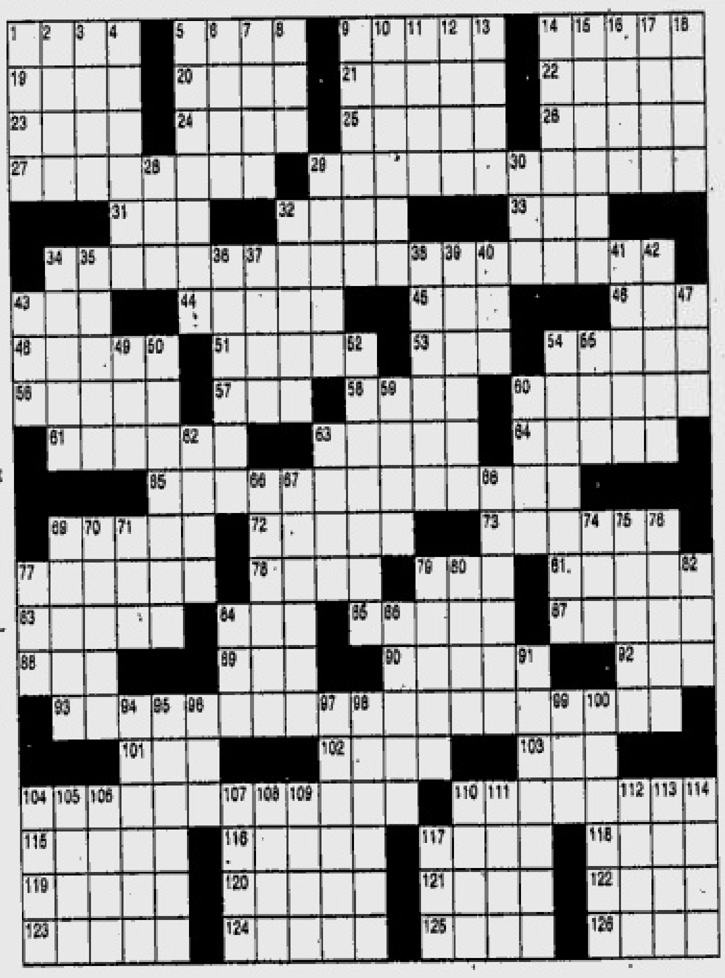
She recalls one of her first copies was an ad for Del Monte that showed pineapple juice with lovely music in the background and just the line: This refreshing commercial was brought to you by Del Monte.

One of her first bids for an account was for Johnson & Johnson Philippines. From there came the line that was used by the firm for a couple of decades—"*Ikaw lamang, wala ng iba.*"

EMILY and Caloy during their escape to Palawan in the '70s.

SUNDAY CROSSWORD

GOURMET DISMAY



ACROSS
1 Had kittens?
5 Frolic
9 Elsie's appendage
14 Gather
19 Come unglued
20 Spread in a tub
21 Sib's kid
22 Send the money
23 Tel —
24 Balmy
25 Build a barrier
26 Where Athenians assembled
27 Combative
29 Speaker of remark at 34 Across
31 Sloth or anger
32 Bone-dry
33 Lubricate
34 Start of remark
43 Dogpatch's Daisy —
44 Inventor Howe
45 — Grande
46 Chop
48 Bronte's "— Grey"
51 More aloof
53 Merino male
54 Emulate Arachne
56 Summarize
57 Rocker Morrison
58 "Gracious me!"
60 Actress Wendy
61 Dignified calm
63 Writer Bret
64 Church instrument
65 Part 2 of remark
69 With 29 Down, "Touched by an Angel" star
72 Leases
73 Gives in to gravity
77 Not as messy
78 Bk. loan
79 53 Across' mate
81 Rock's — Trick
83 Like Yale's walls
84 — degree
85 Day or Duke
87 Yaphet of "Homicide"
88 Saucepan
89 Actress MacGraw
90 Get the soap off
92 "Sea Hunt" shocker
93 Part 3 of remark
101 — G. Carroll
102 Mrs. Charlie Chaplin
103 Ferris-wheel unit
104 End of remark
110 Texas town
115 Tycoon
116 Time on the throne
117 Word with pad or powder
118 Equipment
119 Disintegrate
120 Football's Herber
121 Frank or Francis
122 Peruvian Indian
123 Gardening tool
124 Elbowed
125 Dandelion, for one
126 Playwright Coward

DOWN
1 Scary Stoker
2 Sitarist Shankar
3 Demonic
4 Concoct
5 Bookstore section
6 Ken or Lena
7 Dissolve
8 Seal school
9 Open Old Glory
10 Fuel choice
11 Lions' lairs
12 "Behold!" to Brutus
13 Virginia —
14 Mideastern tongue
15 Word form for "great"
16 Run — (lose control)
17 Father
18 Showstopper
28 Pewter base
29 See 69 Across
30 Card game
32 "Carmen" setting
34 Bet
35 Ergo
36 Master Twist
37 Isinglass
38 Thiss and thaat
39 Highfalutin' headgear
40 "— Dooley" ('58 hit)
41 Actress Maureen
42 Sorbo or Spacey
43 Deface
47 Elfin
49 "The Bells" monogram
50 Bad
52 Showed one's feelings
54 Sorcerer
55 Unit of work
59 Univ. tests
60 Piglet's papa
62 Practice boxing
63 — up (detained)
66 Imitation gold
67 Feature
68 Crusader kingdom
69 St. Andrews clod
70 Writer Wharton
71 Recline
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82 Office seeker, for short
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91 Flew the coop
94 Refer (to)
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Survey unveils well-kept secrets of execs' toilet

NEW YORK —TV drama queen Ally McBeal and her cohorts may be surprised to discover that not every office worker uses the bathroom for impromptu staff meetings and emotional breakdowns.

In fact, 92 percent of office workers say they use the bathroom only for the plumbing—and then they hightail it back to their desks.

Still, a lot of office grunts wouldn't mind a back rub in the lav, maybe even some tunes. A warm seat wouldn't be so bad either.

Those findings come from a survey conducted for paper giant Kimberly-Clark Corp.'s Professional unit. The division, which makes toilet paper and towel products for workplaces, reports that workers are keen to find their stalls stocked with—surprise!—just the kind of toilet amenities the Irving, Texas, company can provide.

The survey, released this week, asked whether workers often use the bathroom to dodge the office grind. It found, however, that just 2 percent of office workers use the john to "hide or get away."

Many employees are simply too preoccupied with work to use the bathroom as an escape. Of the 257 adults surveyed, one-third said they're busy thinking about work assignments while in the restroom.

Heated seats?

Nevertheless, the Dilberts of this world might be happy to spend more time in bathrooms if employers provided a few perks, like massages and magazines.

In the world of fantasy office restrooms, more than a quarter of respondents said they'd like magazines and newspapers in their bathroom stalls.

The true dreamers, a respectable 12 percent, requested masseuses and manicurists in the bathroom.

Another 11 percent asked for stalls outfitted with music and headsets while a few practical folks—9 percent—said heated toilet seats would make bathrooms cozier places.

The survey did not poll employers to see whether they would consider adding a masseuse/manicurist to the employees' rest rooms.

When presented with a list of ugly restroom situations, 15 percent said asking someone to share toilet paper was their worst lavatory nightmare (remember the infamous "Spare a Square" Seinfeld episode?), while 13 percent said running out of the stall to get a paper towel and scurrying back was their biggest fear.

More than half of those surveyed said they would complain to their employer or to building management if toilet paper run-out was a chronic problem. A self-sufficient 27 percent said they'd simply bring their own toilet paper to work.

All that could, of course, be avoided if employers would join the coreless toilet paper crowd. Kimberly-Clark kindly notes that such systems offer twice the paper as a standard roll by eliminating the cardboard core.

Perhaps that would keep employees from toilet-papering the boss' house. *Reuters*

Know how to deregulate, privatize state corporations

"The Evolving Bargain"
By Willis Emmons
Harvard Business School Press, 2002

By Dante M. Velasco

THERE is public ambivalence about industry deregulation and privatization. On the positive side, people welcome that they can gas up in many more gas stations sporting names beyond Petron, Caltex and Shell.

They have a choice among Globe, Smart, PLDT, Bayantel, Islacom, Digitel and Eastern Telecoms for mobile and landline communications.

However, they are disappointed that water rates are rising, even after privatizing the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System—giving birth to Manila Water of Ayala and Maynilad of the Lopez Group. Of course, they fail to note that water supply has greatly improved in many areas.

Labor and transport sectors complain that prices of petroleum products keep rising, inspite of deregulation. But, they gloss over the fact that production cutbacks by oil producers worldwide push these prices up.

Policy makers cannot make up their minds about the wisdom of privatizing state-owned National Power Corp. Is it safe to unbundle such a monolith into small privately owned power companies?

Consumers want to know: Will it result in lower power rates and stable supply of electricity? While the debate rages on the purchased power adjustment, the fate of privatizing Napocor hangs.

The issues and concerns regarding deregulation and privatization have been confined to so-called experts—or newly converted specialists after a month of training. The rest of us are expected to take their word for it, because we don't know any better.

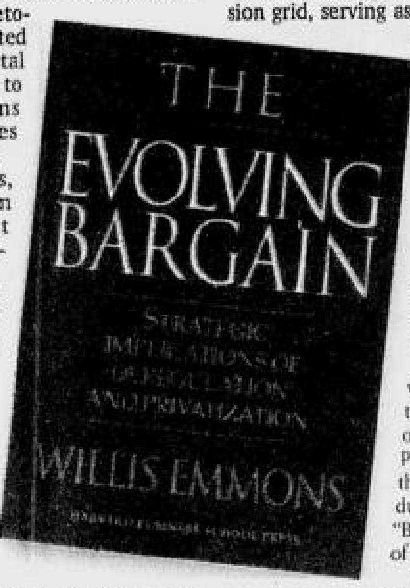
Take heart. There is a book to make you literate (at least) about these buzz words—"The Evolving Bargain." Subtitled "Strategic Implications of Deregulation and Privatization," the author has decided, first, to set you on a lighter mood as he takes you on a world tour where governments are deregulating industries and state firms are handed over to private hands.

A witty quote on privatization from a cartoon in the New Yorker does the job: "In a move sure to attract the attention of regulators, the private sector made a bid to acquire the public sector!"

This was prefaced by the author's observation that "everything heretofore state-owned or regulated is now for sale—from postal systems (the Netherlands) to social security systems (Chile) to stock exchanges (the United States)."

Like the scholar that he is, Emmons made a distinction between two terms that sometimes are lumped together.

"Deregulation," he points out, "refers to an increasing reliance on markets, not governments, to guide economic activity . . . Privatization refers to an increasing reliance on private firms, not government enterprises, for the provision of goods and services."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STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS OF DEREGULATION AND PRIVATIZATION
WILLIS EMMONS
HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL PRESS

Think of the dynamism that took over the telecommunications industry after it was deregulated, and these points will aptly describe "easing or eliminating" of government restrictions in three major areas: a firm's freedom of entry into a market, its freedom of action within a market and its profitability (maximum or minimum) within a market.

But, why the disillusionment on what is supposed to be a shot in the arm for the economy? The book addresses this with three "paradoxes." The first paradox is the "persistence of regulation in the wake of deregulation."

In the United States, the Federal Communications Commission requires rising budgets, expanding manpower and increasing rules. That must also be the case for the Philippines' telecommunications sector, with the National Telecommunications Commission becoming more active than in the past when PLDT ruled the roost.

The second paradox states that free markets in a deregulated environment are actually possible because government requires "mandatory access" to critical infrastructure.

This would happen when Napocor's transmission grid, serving as a power superhighway, is required to open itself to independent power producers. This was also the case of PLDT when it was required to share its gateway to the new entrants.

The third paradox is that deregulation does not necessarily mean greater competition. The auhtor cites the case of the US airline industry, deregulated in the '70s.

In the '90s, the industry was still "concentrated in the hands of a small number of players." Observers of the Philippine economy say that this is also true for the oil industry, still controlled by the "Big Three" despite the entry of new players.

The book is a slow read, not because it uses convoluted language, but because the subject itself requires time for analysis and the instinctive impulse to relate successful and failed efforts in various countries to our own national experience.

You come away understanding what has been happening to our own liberalization efforts, noting uncanny similarities in other economies.

Whether you are a policy maker, an industry observer, a leader of an employers' group or a labor leader—you will find this book giving you an informed perspective of a movement in economies that seem inexorable.

In short, we might as well be familiar with the "wave of the future." We might as well swim, not sink. *(dantemv@l-next.net)*

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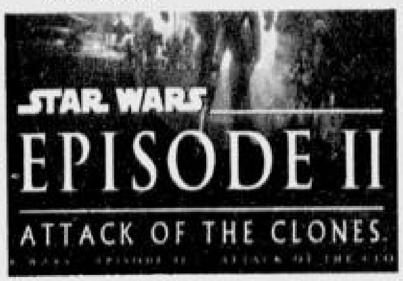

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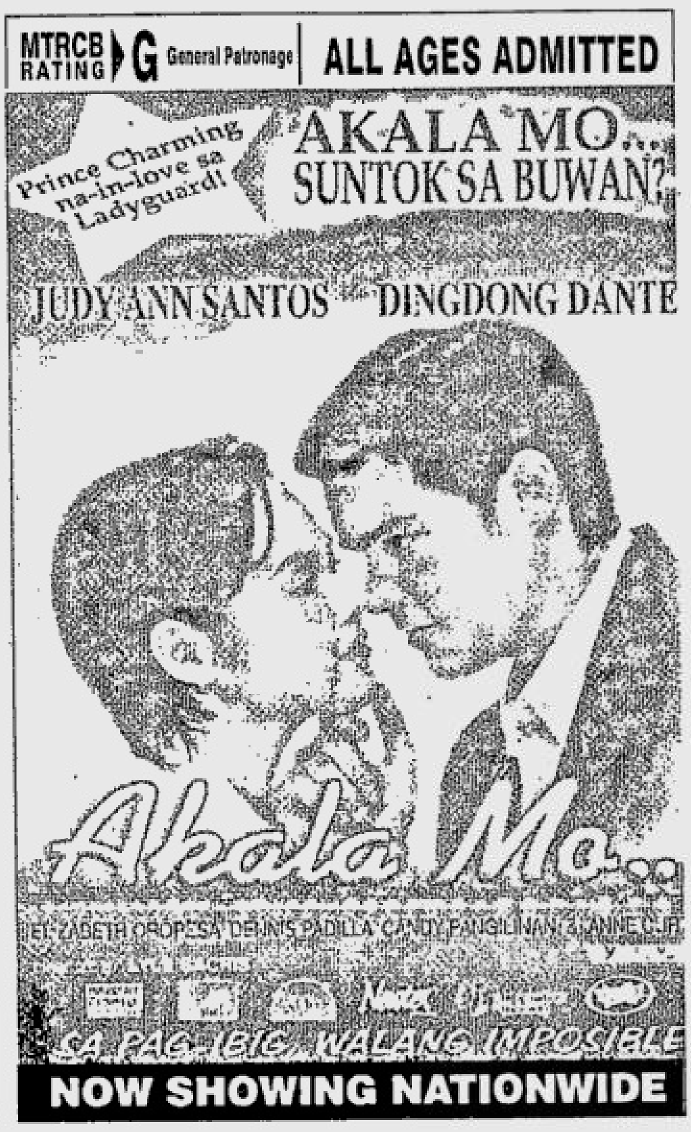
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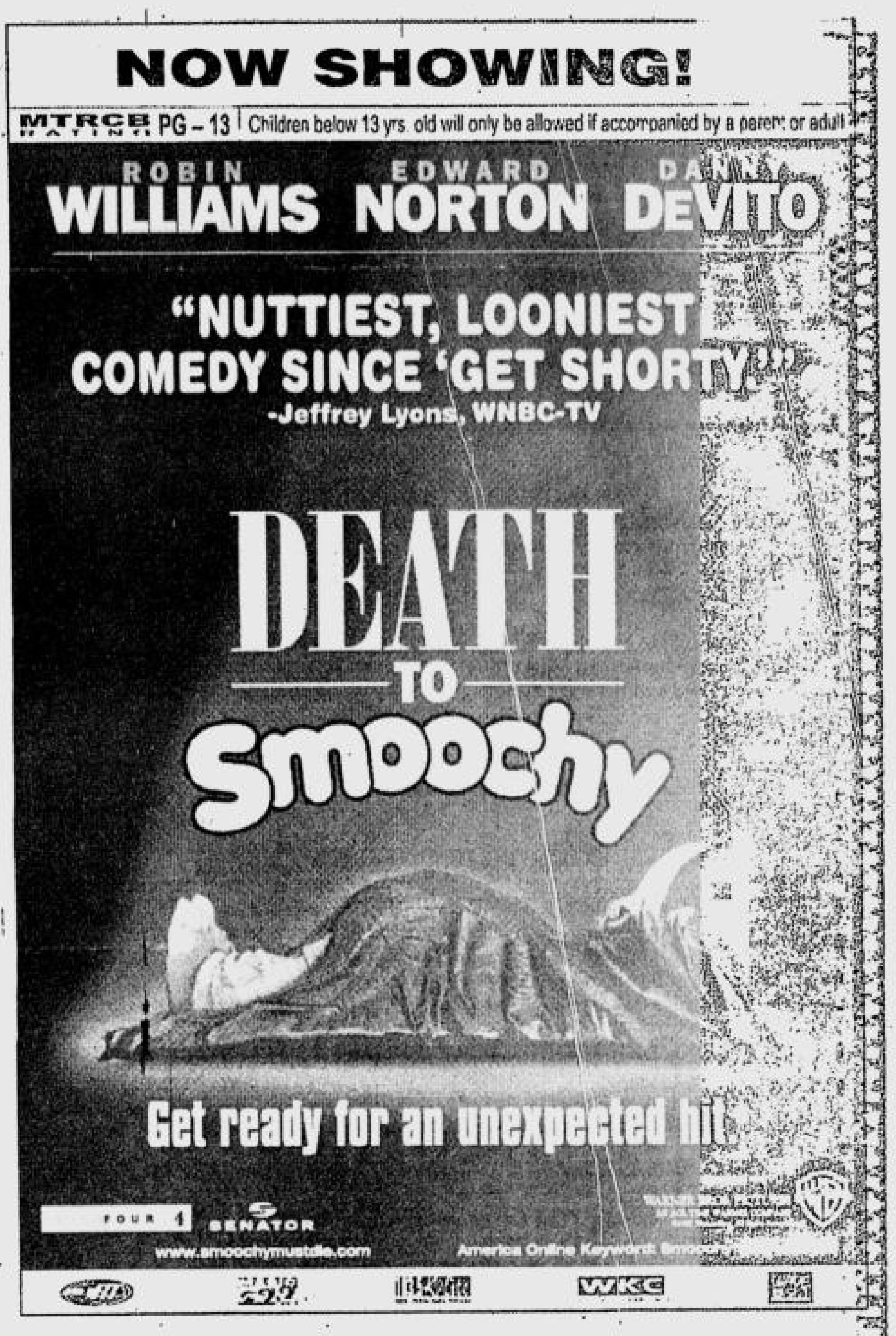
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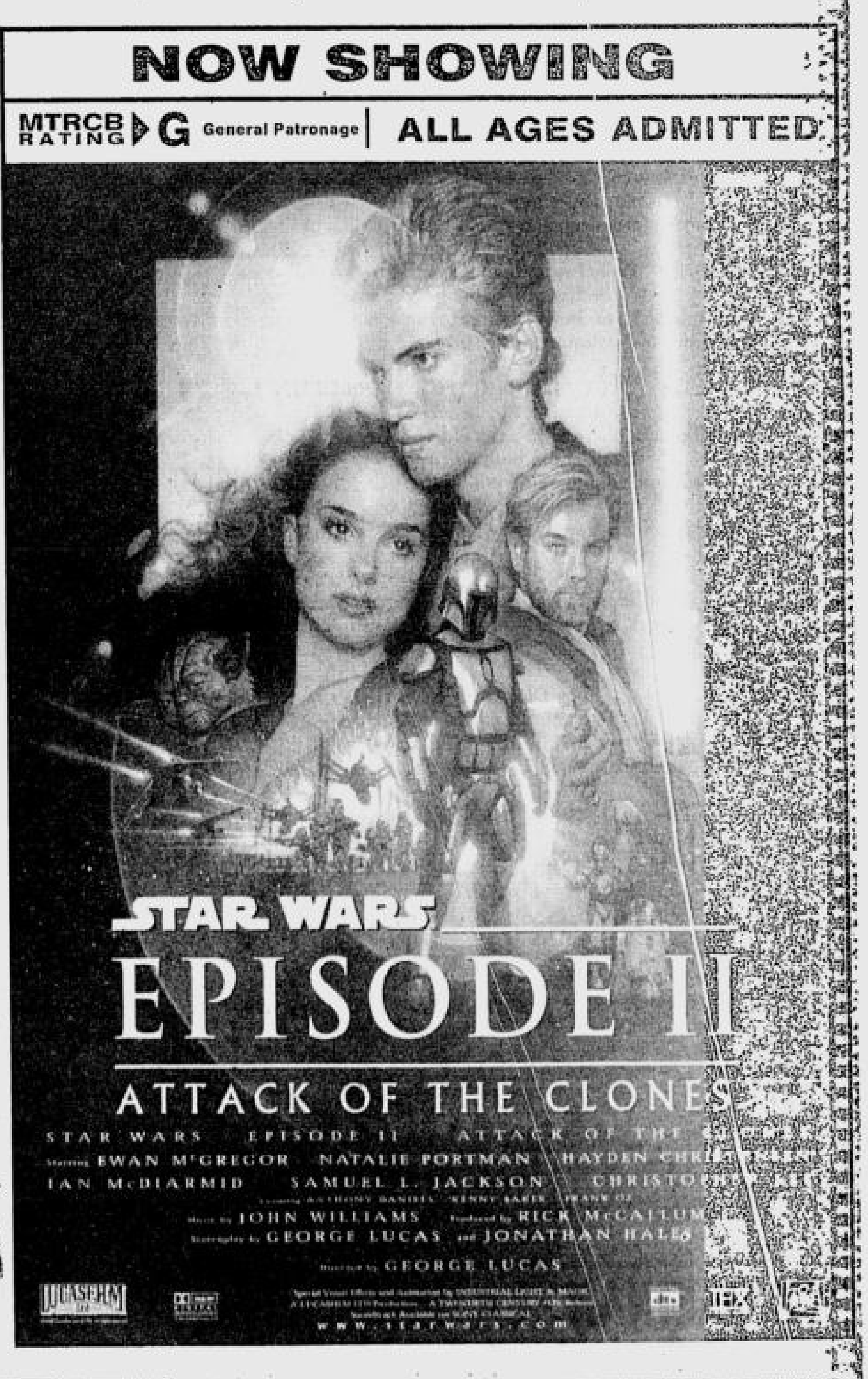
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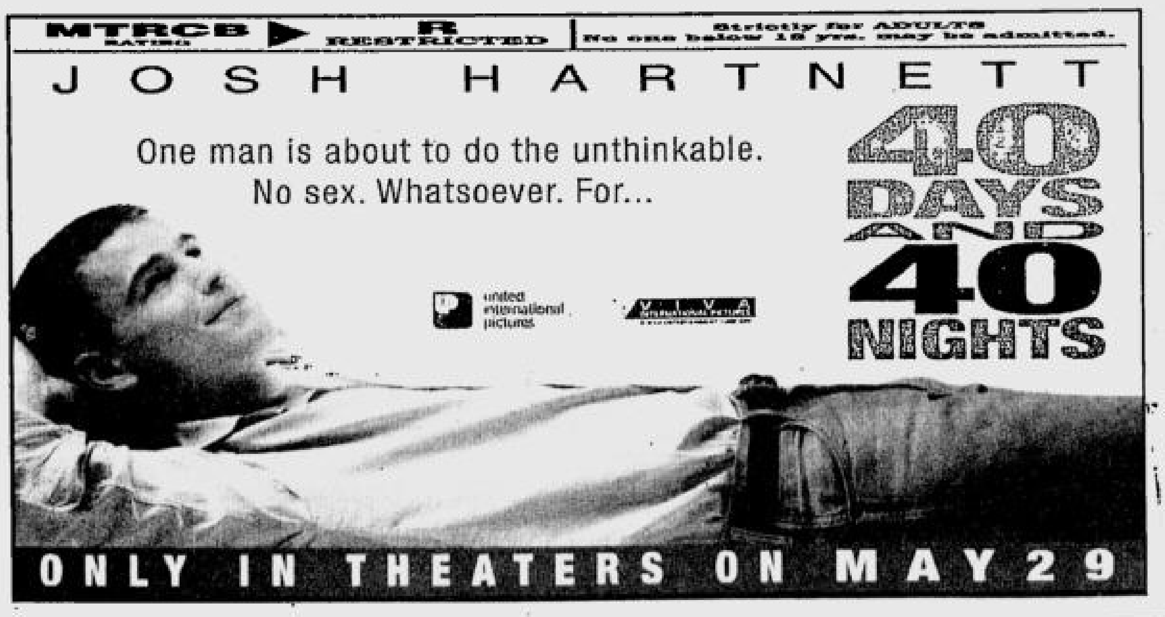
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THE SENIOR ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT FOR HUMAN RESOURCES
SHOPPING CENTER MANAGEMENT CORPORATION
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All application letters and comprehensive resume should reach our office on or before Friday, 31 May 2002. Address applications to the Development Support Services Center, United Nations Development Programme, 7th Floor, NEDA sa Makati Building, 106 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City (via courier) or P.O. Box 7285 Domestic Airport Post Office Lock Box, 1300 Domestic Road, Pasay City (via airmail), tel. nos. (632) 892-4528/892-0611 to 25, fax nos. (632) 8160461/8939598, e-mail address: be_admin.ph@undp.org

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Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
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INVITATION TO BID

The Department of Foreign Affairs invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the rehabilitation of DFA Roofing (Apron Building, South Wing Annex, Ground Floor Canteen plus Waterproofing of Apron Roof Deck and Concrete Roof Gutters). Interested parties must submit respective company profile and list of present clients on May 22-29, 2002.

Project sites may be inspected starting 22 May 2002 to 29 May 2002 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sealed bids will be accepted starting Wednesday, 5 June 2002 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Project's Terms of Reference, Scope of Work and General Provisions may be obtained from the DFA-PBAC Office, Office of the Undersecretary for Administration, 12th Floor, DFA Building after payment of a non-refundable fee of PhP5,000.00 with the DFA Cashier's Office.

Bidders are required to submit bid deposit, in a separate sealed envelope, in the form of a manager's or cashier's check in the amount equivalent to at least ten (10) percent of the bid price upon submission of the sealed bids.

For further information, please contact:

Philip C. Tabula
Property, Maintenance & Transportation Division
Office of Personnel and Administrative Services
Tel. No. 834-4000 Local 4781

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(PDI - May 26 2002)

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Tanggapan ng Pangalawang Kalihim
Office of the Undersecretary

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Department of Education through the Payroll Services Division is inviting all manufacturers/suppliers to apply for eligibility and to bid for 4,000 bxs. Tabulating Stock Forms, 5 ply, 11 x 14 7/8, graylines with both sides perforation, 70 gsm for the first ply and 56 gsm for the second to fifth ply. The approved budget for the project is P2,900,000.00

All interested manufacturers/suppliers must submit a Letter of Intent before obtaining bid documents starting **May 22, 2002** at the BAC Secretariat Office, Room 112-A, Mabini Building, DepEd Complex, Pasig City or visit the DepEd website at http://www.deped.gov.ph

A pre-bid conference will be held on **May 30, 2002**, 2:00 PM at Bulwagan ng Karunungan, Rizal Building I, DepEd Complex, Pasig City. The Submission and Opening of Bids will be on June 13, 2002, 10:00 AM at the same time and place mentioned above.

DepEd-BAC reserves the right to reject any or all bids waive deficiencies embodied therein without assuming any obligation whatsoever to offset expenses or losses the bidder may incur in the preparation of the bids.

(Sgd.) **ERNESTO S. PANGAN**
Undersecretary
Chairman, DepEd-BAC

(PDI – May 19 & 26, 2002)

INVITATION TO PREQUALIFY FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR BOT FOR THE BWD COMPREHENSIVE BULK WATER SUPPLY PROJECT (BWD-CBWSP)

The Baguio Water District intends to engage the services of local and/or foreign consulting firm for the preparation and packaging of the Terms of Reference for the Comprehensive Bulk Water Supply Project.

Interested firms are invited to submit an expression of interest and details of their capabilities and related experience by forwarding their names and address and properly identified as "LETTER OF INTENT AND PREQUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR BOT UNDER THE BWD COMPREHENSIVE BULK WATER SUPPLY PROJECT (BWD-CBWSP) to the following address not later than **JUNE 7, 2002.**

CHAIRMAN
Prequalification, Bids and Awards Committee (PBAC)
Comprehensive Water Supply Project (CWSP)
Baguio Water District, DPS Compound, Baguio City 2600

Consultant's Prequalification Forms and additional information may be obtained at the above address.

BWD-PBAC (CBWSP)

(PDI – May 19 & 26, 2002)

Republic of the Philippines
COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS
Manila

RULES ON THE LIQUOR BAN IN CONNECTION WITH THE JULY 15, 2002 SYNCHRONIZED BARANGGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS.
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Promulgated: 23 May 2002

RESOLUTION NO. 4799

WHEREAS, the Omnibus Election Code of the Philippines provides:

Sec. 261. Prohibited Acts. - The following shall be guilty of an election offense:

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(dd) x x x (1) Any person who sells, furnishes, offers, buys, serves or takes intoxicating liquor on the days fixed by law for the registration of voters in the polling place, or on the day before the election or on election day. Provided, That hotels and other establishments duly certified by the Department of Tourism as tourist-oriented and habitually in the business of catering to foreign tourists may be exempted for justifiable reasons upon prior authority of the Commission. Provided, That foreign tourist taking intoxicating liquor in said authorized hotels or establishments are exempted from the provisions of this sub-paragraph."

WHEREAS, violation of said prohibited acts shall be punishable with imprisonment of not less than one year but not more than six years and shall not be subject to probation, and in addition, the guilty party shall suffer disqualification to hold public office and deprivation of the right of suffrage;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission on Elections (Commission) pursuant to the powers vested in it by the Constitution, the Omnibus Election Code, and other election laws, has RESOLVED to promulgate as it hereby promulgates the following implementing rules:

SECTION 1. Prohibited Acts - It shall be unlawful for any person, including owners and managers of hotels and establishments to sell, furnish, offer, buy, serve or take intoxicating liquor anywhere in the Philippines.

SECTION 2. Prohibition Period - The liquor ban shall be in force and effect on May 20 and 21, 2002, the day before the election (July 14, 2002) and on election day (July 15, 2002).

SECTION 3. Exemption - Hotels and other establishments duly certified by the Department of Tourism as tourist-oriented and habitually in the business of catering to foreign tourists may be exempted from the liquor ban, **PROVIDED** they secure prior written authority from the Commission as provided for in Section 4 below, upon showing that there are justifiable reasons therefore.

Foreign tourists taking intoxicating liquor in said authorized hotels or establishments are exempted from the prohibition.

SECTION 4. Where to apply for and secure exemption - Applications for exemption together with supporting documents, shall be filed with, and duly acted upon by the following: The Office of Regional Election Director, in cases of hotels and other establishments located in the National Capital Region; Provincial Election Supervisors with respect to establishments located in the municipalities within their respective provinces, and City Election Officers with respect to those located within their respective cities/districts.

SECTION 5. Conditions for the grant of exemptions - Exemption may be granted only upon compliance and submission of the following:

a.) the request/petition/application for exemption must be under oath and must contain a statement that the hotel/ establishment operators/owners have not been convicted for an election offense;

b.) Certification by the Department of Tourism shall state that the requesting hotel or establishment is tourist-oriented and is habitually in the business of catering to foreign tourists;

c.) Certification by the Department of Tourism to prove that said hotel or establishment is currently licensed to do business; and

d.) Certification by the Department of Tourism to prove that the individual or establishment has paid the required taxes and/or fees imposed by the government or any of its agencies or instrumentalities.

SECTION 6. Revocation of exemption - The exemption granted may be revoked or set aside by the Commission upon petition of any interested party on showing, among others, that the reason upon which the exemption was made does not exist or is not justifiable, or that the requesting party or applicant has committed misrepresentation in the application, or introduced or submitted falsified documents.

SECTION 7. Who shall implement - The Philippine National Police (PNP), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), Regional Election Directors (RED), Ass. Regional Election Directors (ARED), Provincial Election Supervisors (PES), Election Officers, and the Comelec Election Laws Enforcement Team (ELET), if any, which will be fielded by the Commission in specific areas, shall implement this resolution.

SECTION 8. Effectivity - This resolution shall take effect on the seventh day after its publication in two (2) daily newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

SECTION 9. Dissemination - The Education and Information Department shall cause the immediate publication of this resolution for two (2) consecutive days, in two (2) daily newspapers of general circulation and shall furnish copies thereof to the Department of Tourism, Association of Hotels and Restaurants, Regional Election Directors, Provincial Election Supervisors, Election Officers, the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the Philippine National Police, the National Bureau of Investigation and the accredited Citizens Arm of the Commission.

(Sgd.) **ALFREDO L. BENIPAYO**
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INVITATION FOR QUALIFICATION AND BID

The Government of the Philippines has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this loan to eligible payment under the contract for which this Invitation for qualification and Bid is issued.

The Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission as the Executing Agency and the City Government of Makati and City Government of Manila as the Implementing Agencies are inviting CONTRACTORS to apply for Qualification and Bid for the following linear park packages:

Contract Package	Contract No.	Area	Location	Contract Duration	Project Description
a. Makati DES Park (Package A)	EPA-LPP-08	4,763 sq.m.	Barangay Poblacion, Makati	150 Calendar days	Linear Park and Promenade
b. Barangay Valenzuela (Package B)	EPA-LPP-09	1,879 sq.m.	Barangay Valenzuela, Makati	90 Calendar Days	Linear Park and Promenade
c. South Nagtahan Linear Park (Package C)	EPA-LPP-10	1,944.87 sq.m.	Barangay South Nagtahan, Manila	90 Calendar Days	Linear Park and Promenade

The work consist of three (3) separate contract packages. Bidders may bid for any one, two or all three contract packages ranked according to their preference, but award will be limited to two per bidder.

A bidder, who is already evaluated as an awardee in one (1) contract package, can only be awarded the subsequent package if his remaining financial bid capacity is equal or greater than his bid for the package, and if his bid is the lowest complying bid.

If a bidder has been evaluated as an awardee for two (2) packages, his bid for the subsequent package shall be returned unopened.

In the event that the lowest bidder is not qualified for the award due to insufficient financial bid capacity, the contract package shall be awarded to the next lowest complying bidder, at the cost of the next lowest complying bidder.

Interested contractors will be required to submit their accomplished qualification documents and bid proposals at the same time in two (2) separate sealed envelopes. The envelope containing the bid will be kept in a sealed box, which will not be opened until after the completion of the qualification evaluation, and the list of qualified contractors has been finalized. Only the bids of qualified contractors will be opened on the date of bid opening. The bids of disqualified contractors will be returned unopened.

Interested contractors may obtain furthern information and secure the qualification and bid documents at the following address:

Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission (PRRC)
2nd Floor Engineering Building
MWSS CMPD., Katipunan Road, Balara, Quezon City
Telephone Nos. 433-3444/ 433-3446/ 926-5233/ 926-5234

A complete set of qualification and bid documents may be purchased by interested contractors from the above address on 22-29 May 2002 upon submission of a letter of intent and payment of a non-refundable fee of Five Thousand Pesos (Php 5,000.00) per contract package.

Site Inspection and Pre-Bid Conference is on 5 June 2002, 10 a.m. at the Conference Room, PRRC office. The accomplished qualification documents and the bid in two (2) separate sealed envelopes must be submitted to the PRRC on or before 1200 hours on 5 August 2002. The date of bid opening will be announced later.

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(Sgd.) **BINGLE H.B. GUTIERREZ**
Executive Director.

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3.	Bidding Proper	June 11, 2002	2:00 PM

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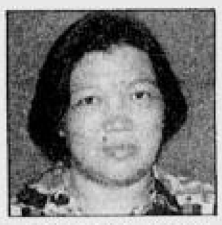

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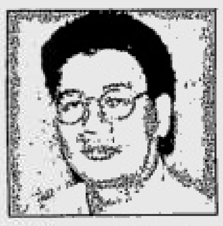

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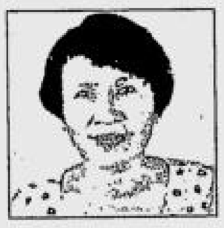

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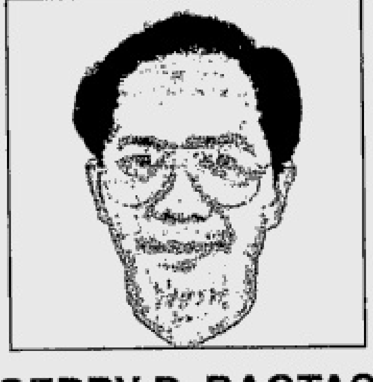

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From the nation's No. 1 Newspaper: INQUIRER

Bank pays tribute to consumers

STANDARD Chartered Bank paid tribute to its customers and corporate clients for their loyalty and support to the bank by declaring "Customer Week" throughout its international network of 500 branches in 50 countries.

Chief executive Annemarie Durbin kicked off the Philippines' celebration of "Customer Week" with the Customer Expectation Officer (CEO) program, which saw her and senior executives manning the telephone hotlines, and personally receiving more than a hundred customer inquiries.

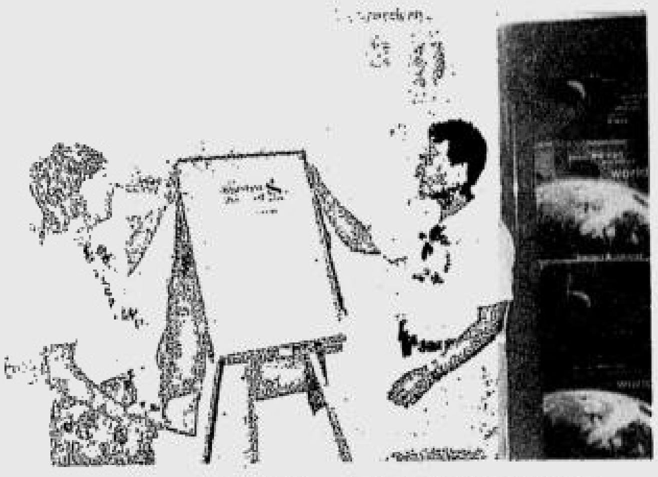
An exclusive dinner for Priority Banking customers hosted by the chief executive gathered close to a hundred loyal customers.

Clients were personally attended to by the bank's senior executives, branch managers and account officers. They were treated to an al fresco Japanese dinner and musical entertainment by the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra.

CHIEF executive Annemarie Durbin as CEO (Customer Expectation Officer) at the customer hotline.

Corporate clients reigned at the open house of the bank's Makati headquarters, treated to product presentations, given financial clinics and served all-day cocktails. They were also invited to the economic briefing by visiting economist Gerard Lyons who presented a positive outlook for the Philippines.

Durbin, the management committee members, branch managers and staff presided over the identical program of unveiling the customer bill of rights, launching the Chips' choice for outstanding customer service rendered by the staff, and hosting at buffet tables. In branches near residential areas, children and families frolicked at the play areas and trooped to the ice cream cart.



GLOBAL markets head Mike Aguilar assists CEO Annemarie Durbin in unveiling the "Customer Bill of Rights."

Pursuing Standard Chartered Bank's thrust toward social responsibility, "Customer Week" was capped by a community outreach for a Build at Habitat for Humanity Muntinlupa that coincided with the World Youth Build.

Drawing over a hundred volunteers composed of corporate clients and customers as well as bank staff volunteers, the group registered 120-percent completion of construction goal for nine housing units that would soon benefit poor families.

Approaching 130 years in the Philippines this year, Standard Chartered is the first foreign bank in the country, having been upgraded to universal bank last year by the Monetary Board of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

YOUNGEST customer at SCB Ortigas branch get special attention from CEO Annemarie Durbin and branch manager Lia Vijandre.

Animation shows colorful future to Filipino talents

By Abigail L. Ho

THE FILIPINOS' creative talent, combined with the right tools and resources, could give local animators a shot at producing a future Academy Award winner for best animated feature film.

Although not as cash-rich as Steven Spielberg's DreamWorks SKG and George Lucas' Industrial Light and Magic, budding Filipino animators have a wealth of talent just waiting to be unleashed.

Even the Information Technology and E-Commerce Council (ITECC) that President Macapagal-Arroyo chairs, believes that animation has the potential to be a big industry in the future.

The ITECC has named it as one of the five priority industries to be given focus as the Philippines moves toward its goal of becoming a premier e-services hub in the region.

Starting them young

As of now, only the De La Salle University-College of Saint Benilde offers a full four-year course that deals with animation. Its Bachelor of Arts in Multimedia Arts has only been in existence for three years, but it will already produce its first batch of around 20 graduates by next year.

Oliver Gail Limos, head of the DLSU-CSB 3D animation department, says the country's animation industry is already starting to pick up, especially with the establishment of new production studios.

"What we're doing is that we're trying to push our kids to do content independently, and eventually their own films. We want them to get a feel of the real thing first (through their practicum in animation studios) so they can compare that with what they're doing in school," he says.

Limos adds that the DLSU-CSB aims to produce not just future hired hands in big and established studios, but "creative entrepreneurs" that will put the country in the world's animation map.

Animation software distributor Alias/Wavefront's territory sales manager for Southeast Asia Norman Tan likewise believes that Filipinos are brimming with talent and creativity, but it just got stuck in the 2D environment longer compared to some of its neighbors.

'There is a large pool of very creative animators in the Philippines, but traditionally in the 2D environment. It was only in the last year that 3D started to pick up," he says.

Going 3D

India and China jumped to the 3D bandwagon sooner than the Philippines, but the country is not about to stay behind for long.

DLSU-CSB has invested over P2.7 million for the acquisition of the Maya 3D animation software, with the objective of giving its students a competitive edge when they go into the real world.

Limos says the school started by using AutoCAD in its animation classes, but it is now moving higher with the new Maya software.

"The best professionals in the world like ILM and Digital Domain use Maya. This is the same software used in movies like 'Phantom Menace' and 'Lord of the Rings'," he replies when asked why the school chose Maya's suite of 3D animation software.

Aside from those two movies, Tan says the most recent Star Wars installment, "Attack of the Clones," was also done using Maya software. Other films include "Monsters Inc.," "Mummy Returns," "Final Fantasy" and "Shrek," which was actually done in the Philippines.

Limos explains that giving his students firsthand experience with the software that the professionals actually use would give them a taste of how it is to produce topnotch animated features.

Global environment

The incoming Multimedia Arts sophomores would be getting first crack at the new P130,000-per-license Maya software, which Limos explains would expose them to the world of 3D animation—something that is yet to be fully explored in the country.

Graduating students, on the other hand, would be given seminar-type classes to acquaint them with the new software.

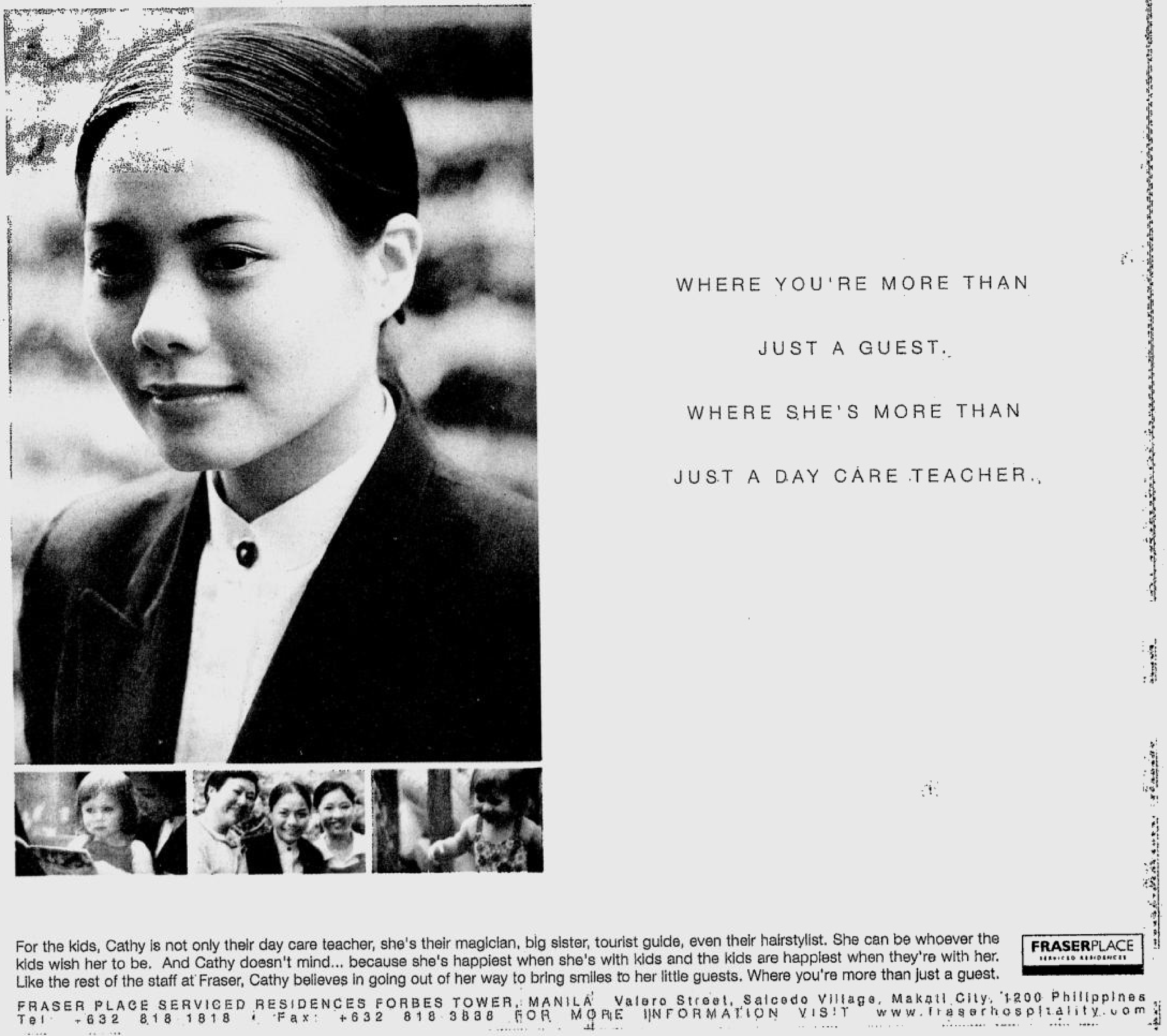
He is proud to say that this exposure to more sophisticated software would give DLSU-CSB's future Multimedia Arts graduates a good shot at getting into the world's best animation studios, but he is quick to add that this is not the school's objective.

"We want them to work for several months to a year in a production house for them to learn from the production environment. After this, we want them to eventually put up their own studios," he says.

He explains that the students are trained in "a global environment" so as to give them a feel of what goes on outside the school and the country.

"We create a competitive environment in school. We try to make the international scene their scene, too, so that they will know what's happening globally. We don't see a lot of our students actually going abroad because we trained them to put up their businesses here so they can fuel the local animation industry," he says.

With the current strong demand for 3D animation and visual effect solutions, the country could well have another reason to be proud when budding local animators gain more knowledge to animate the world.



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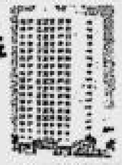

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His bereaved wife **Teds**; daughter **Judy** and grandchildren **Gian** and **Clarice**; parents **Toribio, Sr.** (†) and **Elena** (†); brothers and sisters, **Napoleon** (†) and wife **Pacita** (†); **Carolina** and **Germinio S. Cedre**; **Melchora** and **Fidel S. Diego** (†); **Eleanor** and **Celso S. Miquiabas, Sr.**, **Priscilla** and **Samson B. Turiñgan, Sr.**, **Preciosa** (†) and **Napoleon** (†); sister **Juanita, RVM**; **Toribio, Jr.** and **Lina**; **Marietta** and **George Bichsel**; **Jose, Sr.** and **Hedy**; his nephews, nieces and grandchildren request the kind readers to please pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His body lies in state at the Presidential Suite B, Loyola Memorial Chapels, Guadalupe, Makati City, where a Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2002, at 1:00 P.M. Interment will immediately follow at the Loyola Memorial Park in Marikina City.

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His remains lie in state at the Sta. Rita De Cascia Mortuary Chapel, Philamlife Homes, Quezon City, and will be transferred to the family residence in General Tinio, Nueva Ecija on Monday, 27 May 2002.

Interment will be on Wednesday, 29 May 2002 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Sto. Cristo Parish Church.

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Businessman's leap of faith lands him in herbal industry

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

THE YEAR 1999 was a significant one for businessman Lito Abelarde.

At that time, he had to make a choice between continuing a business that earned him a lot of money but left him with no satisfaction or close it and heed what he termed as a "call from God" to renew his Christian life. It was a difficult choice because he had no other significant source of income. But he did it anyway.

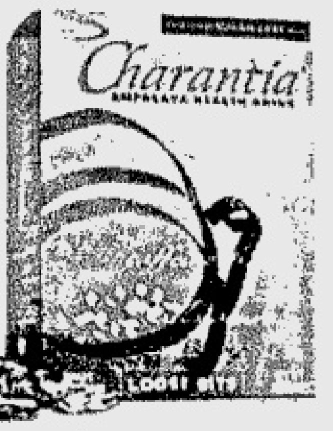
He described the move as a "leap of faith." He just closed the business and entrusted his fate to God.

It was not long after he closed the company, however, that he got the idea to commercially produce "ampalaya" (bitter melon) as a herbal supplement to help cure diabetes or high blood sugar.

"I was already bringing in ampalaya from Vietnam as part of my trading work, but I only gave the loose bits for making tea to friends. They liked it and told me that they felt better after drinking it. It did not enter my mind to make it into a business," Abelarde said in an interview.

He said it was only when he came across an article about the properties of ampalaya that he seriously considered making a business out of it.

The entrepreneur in him came to life and, in just six months, he translated his vision into a company, The Herbcare Enterprise, that commercially produced ampalaya.



By January 2000, Herbcare distributed to the public its first product—loose bits of ampalaya—under the brand name "Charantia Ampalaya Health Drink," after the ampalaya's scientific name, *Mamordica Charantia*.

The Charantia ampalaya comes from Vietnam. The fruits and seeds are cleaned and dried under a special dehydration process that removes the bitter taste while keeping in the vital ingredients. The products are packed in a facility registered with the Bureau of Food and Drug to ensure freshness and potency.

Abelarde said the public readily accepted the Charantia products because people were looking for other ways to help control high blood sugar levels.

Abelarde said there was an increasing incidence of diabetes among Filipinos due to the combined effects of a sedentary lifestyle, stress and a bad diet.

It is a lifestyle disease, he said, that cuts across economic lines, races and countries. A report in a foreign magazine even described the rising global incidence of diabetes as "explosive".

Charantia
AMPALAYA HEALTH DRINK

Abelarde said he built the business around ampalaya because he believed in the plant's ability to help control blood sugar.

"Ampalaya has always been used as an herbal cure for a host of ailments, but it was only in the late 1960s that an Indian discovered that ampalaya can be used to help cure diabetes," he said.

Ampalaya has since become the subject of numerous studies abroad. These studies showed that ampalaya has a so-called "active principle" called polypeptide-p found in the seeds and fruits, that helps control blood sugar levels.

Herbcare commissioned a similar study in the Philippines last year to back up its claims that ampalaya has curative properties.

Charantia
AMPALAYA CAPSULES

The study published in the Philippine Journal of Internal Medicine in August 2001 said that ampalaya fruit prepared as tea "may be a useful dietary adjunct in the treatment of type 2 diabetes". This means that the ampalaya tea is a good supplement to medicine prescribed by doctors and can help, along with the change in diet and more exercise, to cure diabetes.

"I wanted the doctors involved in the product and to see it for themselves. I believe the burden to prove that this herbal medicine works rests with us. This is what makes us different from the others," Abelarde said.

Like other big pharmaceutical firms, Herbcare has employed the services of medical representatives to market the product.

Abelardo is proud to say that Charantia is one of the first companies selling herbal products that were invited to doctors conventions.

Charantia has also been endorsed by the Association of Municipal Health Officers of the Philippines as a cure for diabetes, the first in the industry.

"We are the only company to be endorsed by a medical association and this is because we believe in our product. I really believe that it is very good," Abelarde said.

From the original Charantia product of loose ampalaya bits, Herbcare now produces ampalaya in tea bags and in capsules.

Going forward, Herbcare plans to look for other sources of ampalaya and to set up a dehydration plant in the Philippines in joint venture with the partner in Vietnam.

"I may also soon get contract growers in the Philippines so that Herbcare will have full operations here," he said.

Herbcare is also looking at other markets to add to the current distributorships in the United States, Canada, Europe, Africa, Japan and Hong Kong.

Away on business . . .

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teenagers and then asked them to take mine. The guy handed the camera back and I put it in my side pocket. I was busy taking more photos, when suddenly, one of the teens pushed me from the front, the second knocked me down from behind and the third one took the camera out of my pocket and ran."

That story had a happy ending, as within two weeks, with the help of the Chinese consulate and a photo of the suspects in Kahn's other camera, the Kodak model was back in his hands.

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Kahn's experience changed his thinking and made him more cautious in terms of possessions.

"I felt violated and upset," he admitted—but not enough to take out insurance.

On the contrary, Dr. Connor, whose extensive credentials include co-director of Medicine for Adventure Travel, says insurance is "always something to look into."

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Homegrown . . .

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pensive," Buenaflor revealed.

Aside from the food standard Bigg's maintains and the formula ingredients it keeps, she said she would not sacrifice the quality of the food they serve if only to catch up with the rising costs of food and foodstuffs.

Dindin Daliva, marketing and franchising coordinator, said she has been working with Bigg's on staggered basis for four years now and she always finds herself coming back to work here.

In a separate interview, Daliva said she finds fulfillment and a sense of belonging working at Bigg's and she likes Buenaflor because of her being frank and fair to her employees.

She said she also feels that she has to stay not only that Bigg's is a homegrown Bicolano but also she wants to be a part of its history.

Sol P. Deloraya, operations officer of Bigg's who resigned from Kentucky Fried Chicken and opted to work here, said that when she was offered to work here she immediately sensed that the enterprise had the elements that can withstand competition.

Deloraya was very positive that someday Bigg's could really make it big in the restaurant industry in the country and probably in other countries.

Joining the giants

Buenaflor said their corporation has to be on its toes always to survive the competition.

She said all the necessary preparations of the company's venture into franchising have been done with, which included packaging, human resource development and planned innovations based on several surveys conducted by top marketing consultancy agencies.

Buenaflor said it is now time to go out of Bicol and participate in the league of "giants" of the fast-food industry.

She said Bigg's is confident that it could find its own niche in the bigger market outside Bicol because it offers not only fast-food service but also "food casuals," which means that all the foods served are cooked upon order.

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Homegrown fast-food chain stands up against giants

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NAGA CITY—A home grown fast-food chain here has been assuming the role of a David against Goliaths since it opened business in 1983 with "Mang Donald's" as its original name.

Now named "Bigg's," this David in the local restaurant industry has emerged unscathed against the Goliaths that have invaded cities and town centers in the Bicol Region.

Bigg's first brush with a giant happened 17 years ago when visitors from Manila took fancy with the "Mang Donald's" signboard. Somebody took pictures of its signboard until McDonald Corp. learned of its name that sounded like McDonald's.

McDonald Corp. filed a case in court to stop Bigg's owners from using the name "Mang Donald's" because the multinational corporation alluded that they were riding on the popularity of McDonald's.

The legal battle lasted for eight years. Like a real David, Bigg's put up a good fight until it decided to voluntarily drop the name "Mang Donald's."

Nienie Buenaflor, Bigg's Corp. president and one of its three founders, says they became disinterested with the legal battle against McDonald Corp. and decided to use "Nald's" instead of the contested "Mang Donald's."

"It happened after a strong typhoon blew a big portion of the signboard and what was left was just 'nald's. We adopted the name and called our branch in Padian Street 'Nald's, and the legal battle was finally terminated," Buenaflor explains.

Nald's is a 30-seater restaurant owned by Bigg's Corp. with a takeout counter that serves "*lugaw*" (congee) and other popular Chinese-Filipino stuff like "*tokwa't baboy*" and "*dinuguan at puto*," though it also serves spaghetti and hamburger.

Success

After 19 years of doing good business, Bigg's is now open to franchisees interested in operating its restaurant anywhere in the country.

At present, Bigg's has 11 outlets in Bicol's six towns and cities and is about to expand to the Calabarzon area in Southern Tagalog, its first outlet outside Bicol.

Buenaflor and her partners, Nena Bichara and Maricar Manjon, have brushed away their fear of the "giants" after surviving and growing under their noses.

First, Shakey's came, then Jollibee and now McDonald's. But Bigg's has survived and proven it has built its own niche in the restaurant industry.

Necessity has driven Buenaflor, Bichara and Manjon to put up a restaurant that approximates the diners they visited in the United States.

In the early '80s, these three ladies had just arrived from the United States to stay for good in Naga City when they found to their dismay that there was no decent restaurant that could cater to their discriminating tastes.

While in Manila, Buenaflor said they were so happy that McDonald's has put up branches and when they came home here they fancied on putting up a restaurant that serves the same kind of food.

The three friends wanted to start a takeout hamburger counter near the university belt here with the exhaust placed outside where people pass.

NALD's started as Mang Donald's until a typhoon blew away the 'Mang Do' part of its signage.

They asked their husbands to lend them P5,000 each. But they were not taken seriously and instead discouraged because their spouses reasoned out that Filipinos dislike burgers.

Their spouses told them to just while away their time by playing tennis.

P15,000 capital

However, they were really determined. Each one of them applied for a P5,000-character loan in a bank to put up a restaurant.

And when all the preparations had been done with, they put up a small one with just a few seats with a takeout counter near a theater.

Buenaflor related that they invited all their friends in the first days of their operation to let them taste their food and later asked feedback from them.

They received compliments from their friends with their kind of fried chicken, spaghetti and French fries.

The small restaurant with a takeout counter was still named "Mang Donald's" that time when it became a hit.

"Mang Donald's" initial operation was more of a family affair with their helpers, children and from time to time, their parents and in-laws doing work rotation in the restaurant.

In a month-and-a-half, Buenaflor said, they were able to recoup their investment and were able to pay the bank.

Then their husbands started to get interested. She said their spouses prodded them to expand and then volunteered to give them additional capital for expansion.

Buenaflor said they refused and decided to make their moves calculated with the progress of their business.

For the next four years, these three ladies were busy expanding the original restaurant to the growing number of clients.

The growing demand for their kind of food and service gave them the cue to put up another branch on the other side of Naga City's Old Central Business District.

Diner

After eight years, they came up with the idea of putting up a diner-type of a restaurant like the ones they saw in the United States.

With one common denominator (all of them have a son named Carlos), the three ladies named their diner "Carl's."

Buenaflor said they painstakingly hunted for decors and old stuffs in junk shops here and abroad to complete the '60s' ambience they wanted their diner to be.

Its entrance, for example, is mounted with the hood of a '60s' automobile and the interiors were decorated with black and white tiles.

On the walls were hanged old typewriters, phonographs and pictures of Marilyn Monroe, James Dean and Elvis Presley.

Carl's diner was again a hit.

But then Carl's Jr. entered the restaurant business in the Philippines just when they were a year already with Carl's.

Buenaflor said though they were very secure that their Carl's came first before Carl's Jr., they decided to change the name to one that is theirs alone.

She said like the name "Carl's" they thought of things that were common to the three of them. After a day without progress, they kidded themselves that the three of them were all beautiful, intelligent and gorgeous.

Like a blink of a bright idea that came, someone came up with "Big," which stood for beautiful, intelligent and gorgeous. And they liked it because it sounded very positive and American.

Later, they changed the acronym into Bigg's for Beloved Imitators of God's Goodness, and the diner was given a new name.

Business secret

"We don't serve food that our children will not eat. And we use natural-based ingredients rather than chemical-based even if these are more ex-

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Away on business: Illness and theft are hazards of trade

NEW YORK—These days, when it comes to health or personal property, it is more important than ever for business travelers to keep in mind that it's better to be safe than sorry.

More than one-third of all international travel is work-related—much of it last minute, according to the US Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). With a bit of common sense and by thinking like a thief, it may be easier than you think to avoid falling victim to illness or robbery while on the road.

"In the best of all possible worlds, a business traveler would anticipate the risks and take preventive measures," Dr. Bradley Connor, a gastroenterologist and medical director for the New York Center for Medicine, told Reuters. "Even the most infectious diseases are preventable."

OSHA issued a health bulletin on its website (http://www.osha.gov) last month, warning business travelers of the risks of exposure to infectious diseases and recommending that they seek medical advice and take preventive measures.

"Many business travelers are neither adequately informed about the health risks they encounter nor receive proper medical guidance for prevention," OSHA cautioned.

"The most important piece of advice: Always tell your doctor your travel history," said Connor, who is also executive board chair of the Travel Industry and Public Education Committee. He has been a member of the International Society of Travel Medicine (http://www.istm.org) since its founding in 1991.

It makes sense for travelers to check with the company doctor or, even better, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) experts in Atlanta. Think of exotic bugs like yellow fever, dengue, and even tuberculosis. A shot in the arm might be painful, but it can save years of misery or even your life.

According to the World Health Organization, the most common vaccine-preventable diseases include hepatitis A and B, and the most significant infectious disease threat to global travelers is malaria, which is carried by mosquitoes.

Most at risk are visitors to areas such as Africa, Asia (except Japan), the Caribbean, South America, Central America, the Middle East and eastern and southern Europe.

Health risks relevant to specific destinations can be found on the CDC website (http://www.cdc.gov/travel), which includes the category Anthrax Information and Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response as well as information for travelers with special needs such as a disability, pregnancy or HIV.

It's common sense to put health matters into the hands of medical experts. It can take a bit more ingenuity, however, to successfully protect your belongings.

Think like a thief

In the office and on the road, you may be a bright and innovative corporate success. But, the next time you arrive in a strange city, try pretending you're a thief. Put your brain to work at how you could steal from an unsuspecting traveler.

The concept is not that radical. Once you accept the premise that robbery is a crime of opportunity, you can begin to defend against it. Be assured that the professional thief will have even more tricks up his sleeve.

Richard Kahn, president of New York-based Kahn Travel Communications, was traveling in China with two cameras, one on loan from Kodak, when he was caught off guard.

"I was on a main street in a big shopping area in Beijing," he recalled. "I took a picture of three

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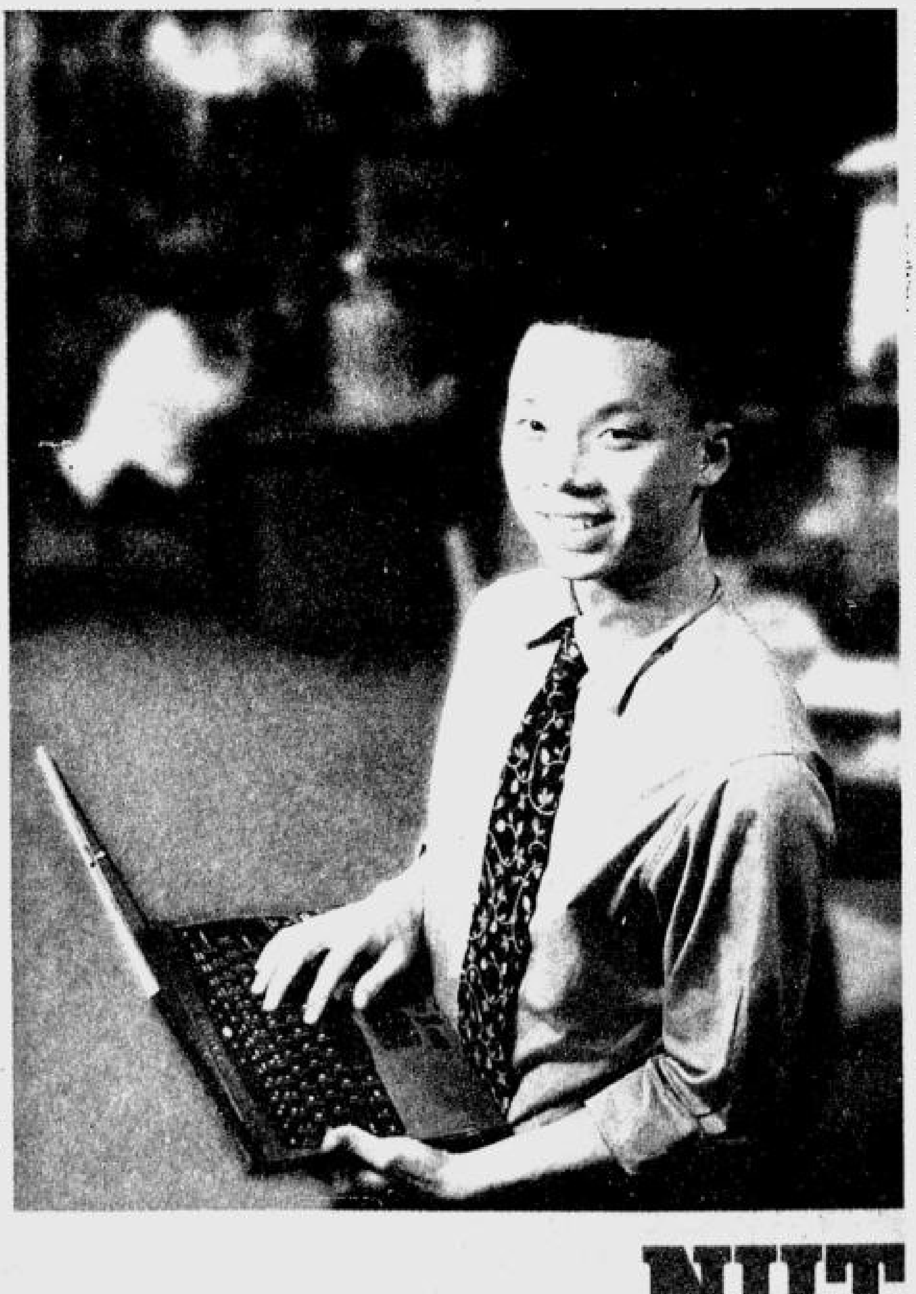

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LET'S BUILD. Tutu and *apos* at the Lego corner

Marichu Maceda gets to play her most favorite role

By Cathy Babao Guballa
Photos by Mike Alquinto

ON A RECENT trip to the United States, Marichu Maceda had her hands full with luggage and another bag with a huge Woody hat (from the Disney film "Toy Story"). She could not put the hat in her luggage as it might crumple.

Taking one look at her, the man at the check-in counter said, "Maa'm, I suggest you just put on your hat." He smiled. Without further prodding, that was exactly what Marichu did—she tied the hat and merrily went on her way.

Bringing along a hat for a precious grandchild, lining up for hours on end at a KFC outlet to get a Spider-Man watch ("Has to be red," she specified) and scouring the various McDonald's outlets to complete the latest collection of Disney giveways, are only some of the special things that Marichu Maceda does for her brood of nine grandchildren.

Wearing many hats, holding various posts of power over the years in the local film industry, thus far, the role of "Tutu" to her nine *apo* is the one that she relishes the most.

"Really, with all that has happened in my life, this is the most enjoyable role I've played," Marichu says. "I'll drop everything to be a *lola*. My haven is my grandchildren," she smiles.

The term "Tutu" originated from eldest grandchild Beanie's attempt to say "Mama Ichu." "She couldn't exactly pronounce it, so Tutu stuck and all the other *apos* followed," Marichu explains. "Later on, we found out that Tutu really means grandmother in Hawaiian!" So there.

Watching Marichu interact with her younger grandchildren is an experience in itself. Right there and then, you would wish she were your grandmother. For each, she has a special name, a special language. She knows all their favorites by heart and can rattle off the name of every cartoon character on the planet. "Maxie Pooh," she calls one of the younger grandsons. "Who's your favorite, Cookie Monster or Barney?" she asks the cute

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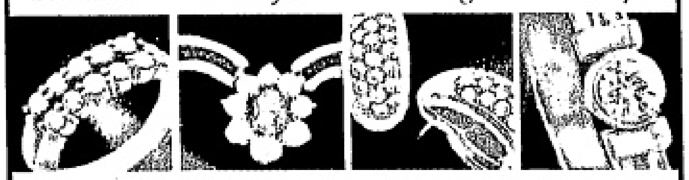

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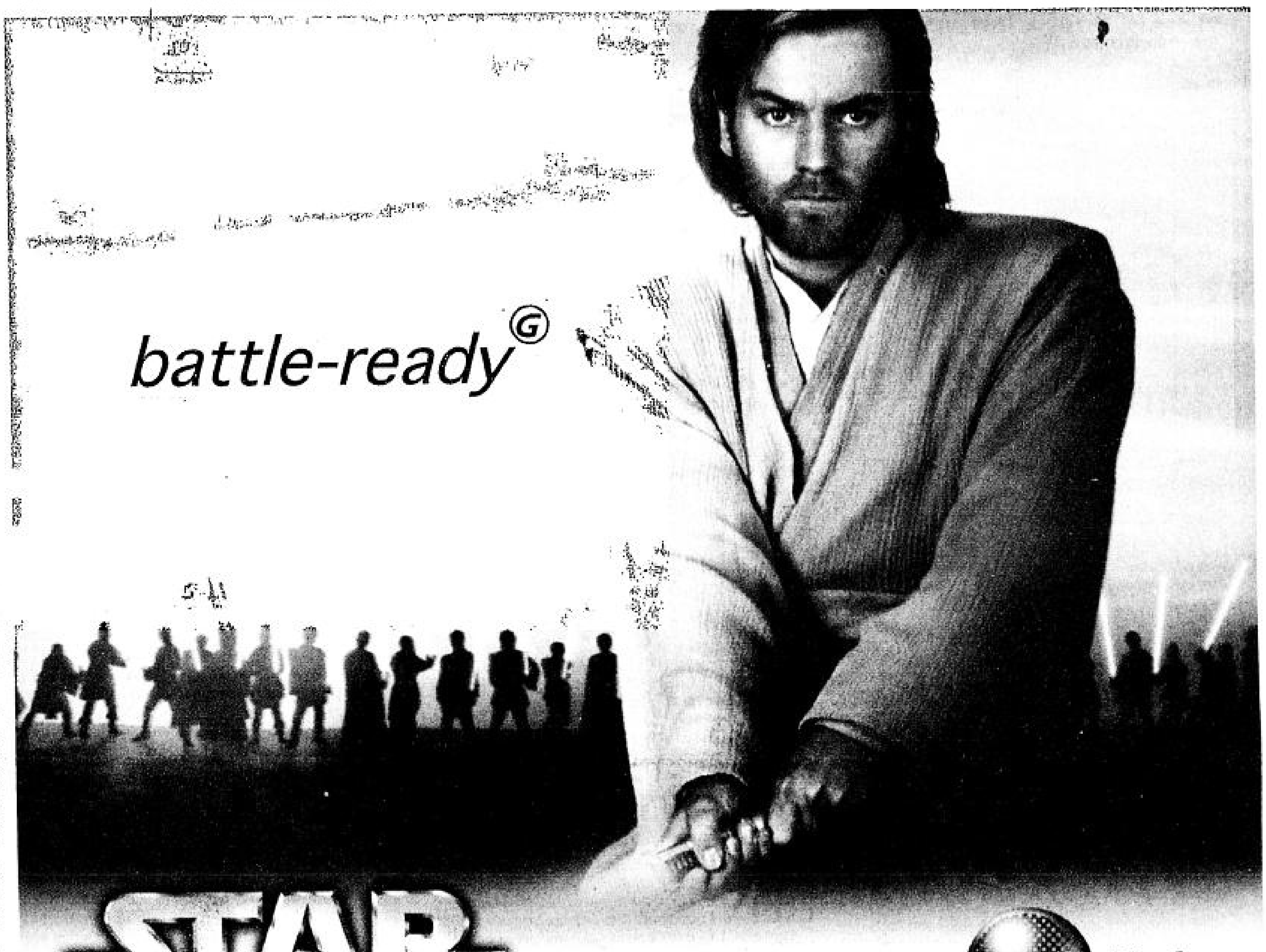

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SEX and your HEART

Sex is important to Filipino men and women aged 40-80 years old. This was the finding of the Pfizer Sexual Health Report featured in our column last Sunday. But some people within this age range may also be suffering from a heart condition. Will this pose a problem? In this article, we will answer this and some common questions regarding sex and the heart.

Can my spouse and I still have sex even if one or both of us have heart disease or had a stroke?

Having heart disease doesn't mean that a satisfying sex life must end. After the first phase of recovery is over, many patients find that the same forms of lovemaking that they enjoyed before are still rewarding.

There are many myths that surround sex after heart disease or stroke. The most common one is that resuming sex often causes a heart attack or stroke. This just isn't true. There is no reason why heart patients or stroke survivors can't resume usual sexual activity as soon as they feel ready for it.

How can we prepare for the resumption of sexual activity after a heart disease or stroke?

First, you can maintain and improve your physical conditions and personal hygiene. Second, you can be more tolerant of your emotions. Temporary mood swings are common.

What are some general guidelines for couples resuming sex?

- Make sure you are both rested and relaxed.
- Wait for 2-3 hours after eating a full meal ... this will give time for digestion.
- Choose a familiar, peaceful place.
- Use only medications that are prescribed by your doctor; take this prior to the sexual activity.
- Be aware that your feelings about your body may have changed since you became ill.
- If you start to feel uncomfortable or tired during the sexual activity, stop and rest for a short time.

There is no reason why heart patients can't resume sexual activity as soon as they feel ready to do so. However, if your condition is severe and you can't tolerate exercise, you may need to find less demanding ways of expressing your love to your spouse. You can spend time hugging, kissing and touching instead.

I have high blood pressure and still want to have sex, but I'm experiencing erection problems!

Erectile Dysfunction (ED), which is trouble having or maintaining an erection sufficient for sexual activity, is one health problem associated with cardiovascular diseases such as high blood pressure. This is often not talked about. It has been shown that men with hypertension, elevated cholesterol, heart disease and diabetes have erection problems more often than men who don't suffer from these conditions. Sometimes the medications taken for these conditions cause the erection problems.

If you have these conditions and are experiencing erection problems, there are things you - with your doctor - can do to resolve them. Erection problems may not be the easiest thing to talk about, but it is important to communicate with your doctor if this is a problem for you ... he or she will know how to help you.

So ... Can I still have sex even if one or both of us have heart disease?

Don't be embarrassed about raising this question with your doctor ... they have heard it before and can help you!

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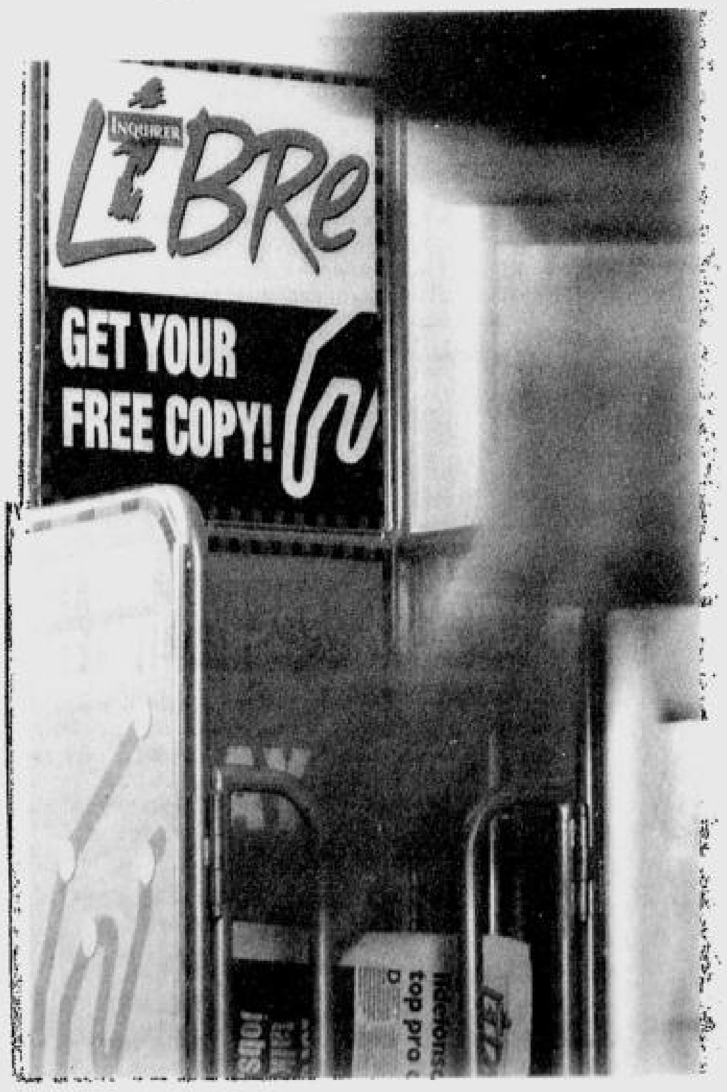

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The movie industry's well-loved mother dotes on her grandkids in a way you'd wish she were your grandmom

WATCHING videos in Tutu's car

Marichu Maceda gets to play her most favorite role

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two-year old.

"Ernie," he replies. Clearly, Ernie is a favorite character as it is also the name of Max's father and grandfather, former Senator Ernesto Maceda, whom the grandchildren call "Wowo."

Marichu rattles of the names of all nine grandchildren according to the birth order of her sons. "First, there's my son Emmanuel or Manny, who's married to Lyra Rufino. They have Alexandra or Beanie who's 13, Mikey, 11, Ginny, 9 and currently the youngest apo, DJ, who's eight months. They all live in San Francisco," she says.

"Then there's Ernest who's married to Rica Vergara. They have Ernest Alexander or Max, who just turned two last March," she adds.

And yes, she remembers all their birthdays and is present at each and every one of them.

"Erwin is married to Annie Rosario and they have Jamie, who's five, and Toni, who's three," she continues, "Edmond comes next and is married to Johanna Alba. They've got Joey, who's seven and Rafael, who's five."

Youngest son Edward is still single, so possibly there will be more grandchildren in Marichu's future.

Miracle babies

While talking about her nine jewels, she also likes to tell the story of her two miracle babies—Max and Jamie. "Ernest and Rica had Max after eight years of marriage. I had really been praying long and hard for them, telling the Lord that He had already given me everything, but there was just one thing I really needed to ask of Him—a baby for Ernest and Max," she says.

"One time, I had even brought them to the town of Obando, but we were a day early for the day when the couples would dance. I insisted that they go back the following day, but they told me that they really had pressing commitments and just couldn't return. I threatened and told them that I would go back and dance for them the following day." She smiles. "At that point, Rica tells me, '*Naku* mommy, you might be the one to get pregnant! *Malokoka talaga ako*,' she teased me," Marichu laughs.

The following week, Marichu, her mother and sisters went to Prague. At the Sto Niño shrine at Our Lady Victorious Church in Prague, she found herself praying for Ernest and Rica intently in Tagalog.

"I normally pray in English, but then at that moment, in that spot, I found myself praying in Tagalog and I couldn't explain why. When I opened my eyes, there right before me was an open *novena* booklet in Tagalog—in Prague of all places! I knew right there that my prayers would be answered," she says.

When she told her sister Lilibeth that her prayer had been answered and that Rica would be pregnant soon, her sister shrugged it off. "Lilibeth said, '*Naku Manay, nag-iilusyon ka na naman*,'" Marichu recalls.

The following morning, Marichu's mother knocked gently on her door saying that there was a phone call from Manila. Worried, Marichu rushed to pick up the phone. It was Ernest with the news that Rica, after eight years, had finally conceived.

"I fell to the floor and just cried right then and there. All my *apos* are gifts, but Max is a miracle," Marichu smiles.

Jamie, whom she refers to as her other miracle, was born with a congenital heart condition called Tetralogy of Fallot. "He underwent open heart surgery in Stanford University when he was eight months old. He was my first miracle before Max," Marichu says.

Best time

Christmas is the best time of the year for Marichu because that's when all her nine grandchildren are home. The rest of the year, only the five younger ones take turns hanging with their Tutu. The basement of her home has been converted into Tutu's Magic Kingdom—a special area, lined with colorful rubber mats, filled with toys, both educational and just for fun, of every kind.

"At Christmas, I always give them two kinds of toys—one that is educational and one for plain fun," Marichu explains. ""Ph.D. *ko na nga ang* Toy Kingdom. I know all the aisles by heart," she grins.

The room is laid out much like a pre-school with cubbyholes and boxes for each grandchild to place their favorite things in.

"Rica, who's a pre-school teacher, helped set up the room," Marichu says. "But they can't take the toys out. They only play with it inside Tutu's Kingdom."

All over the room is a mural of all the children's favorite characters— Barney, Cookie Monster, Winnie the Pooh, the Little Mermaid, Mickey Mouse. In one corner of the kingdom is a Lego table, on another side a table for arts and crafts.

On yet another corner is a Nintendo 64 that is exclusive to the elder grandsons—Mikey and Joey. The younger ones have an older model to fiddle around with. Tutu, by the way, is a whiz at Supermario, as she demonstrated to her *apo* that afternoon. On one wall is an array of photographs with a sign above it that reads Tutu's Jewels.

Another favorite pastime for the children is riding in Tutu's car and watching videos. Marichu has all of the latest ones— Teletubbies, Thomas, Toy Story 1 and 2, Barney.

While driving around Quezon City with her precious little ones, Marichu's attention is held by the heroic deeds of Woody and Buzz Lightyear. For now, the travails of the local film industry can wait—hey, Tutu's waited for this role all her life and she's relishing every minute of it.

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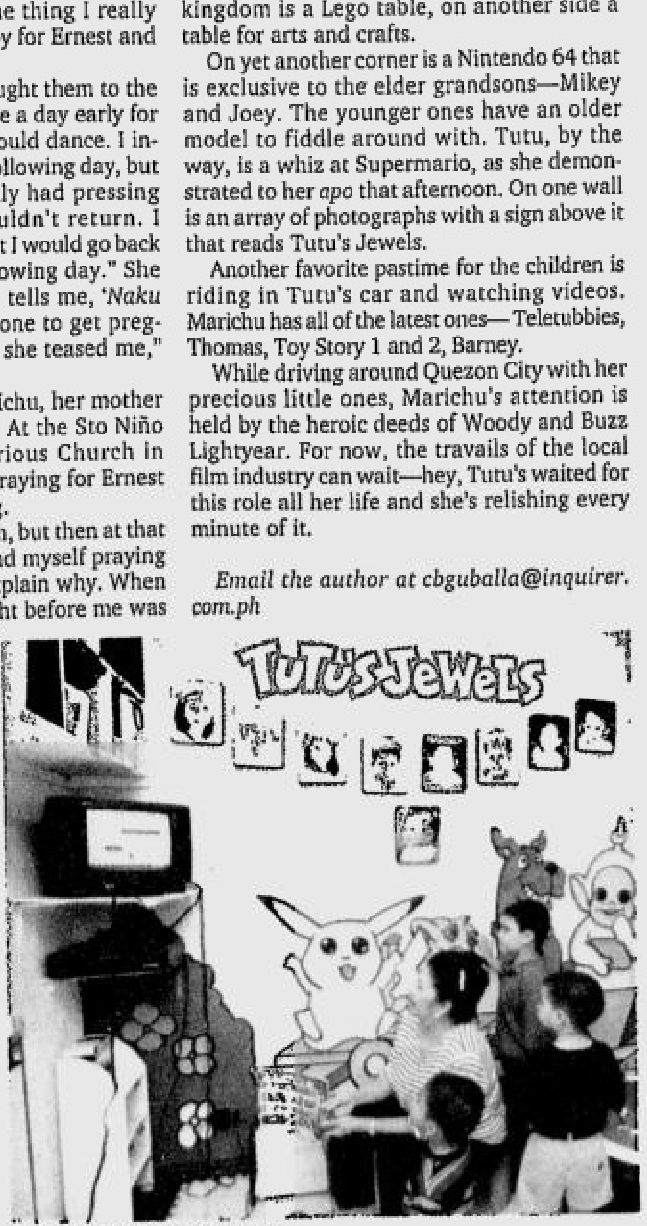

SUPERMARIO vs Supertutu

CONCRETIZING mathematical concepts

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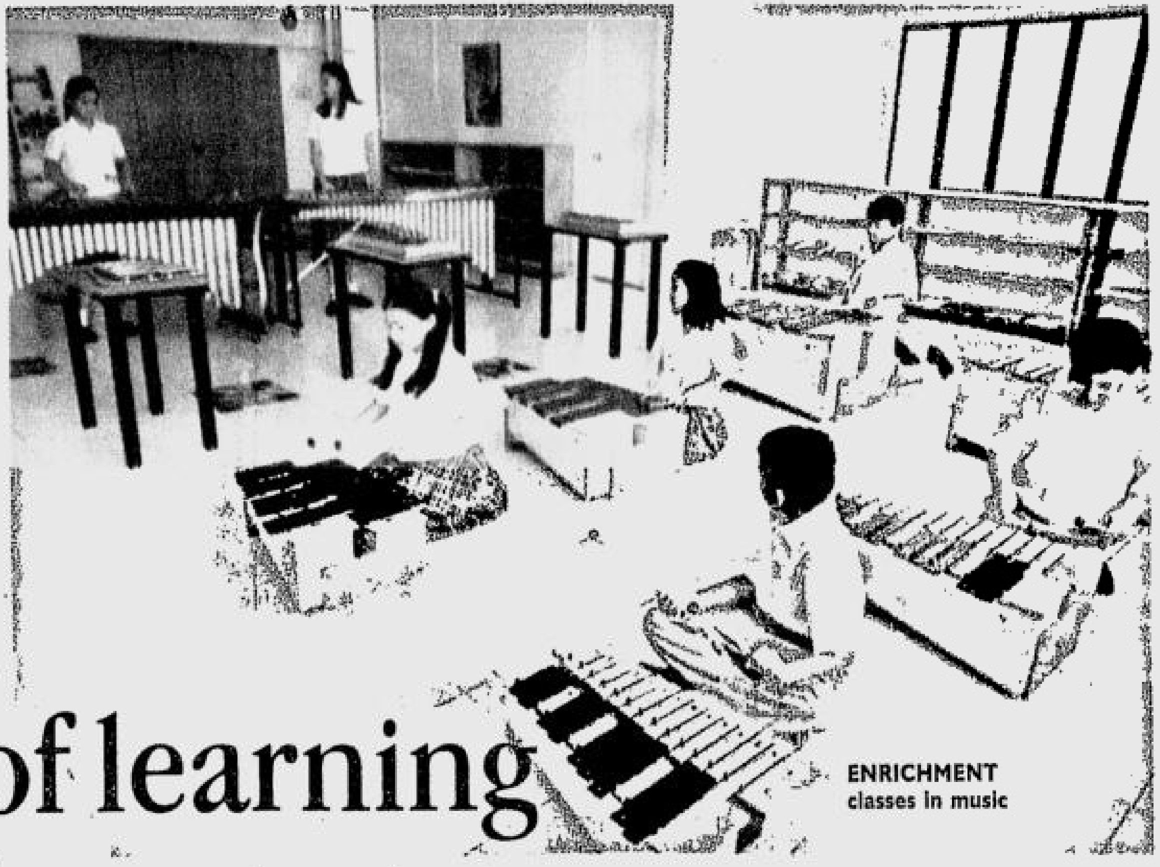

ENRICHMENT classes in music

Temple of learning

Temple Hill combines the Montessori method with the latest in pedagogy

FOR MANY centuries, temples have stood as foundations for wisdom and learning. In a quiet suburb close to Metro Manila, Temple Hill International School makes its home. The school is a nonstock, nonprofit educational institution that offers a progressive, alternative form of education, at the same time adhering to international standards.

It's founder, Iluminada Gomez-Woelhaff, whose Philippine Montessori Center (PMC) in White Plains, QC is a top preschool in the country, considers Temple Hill "a showcase of what education should be." It is nonprofit because it is Woelhaff's way of giving back "service to humanity. Everything we earn here goes back to the school," she says.

In addition to Temple Hill, Woelhaff also runs Mithing Pangarap in Smokey Mountain, an outreach school for poor but deserving students.

Temple Hill opened its doors in June 2001 to continue in higher education levels the same quality education PMC is known for. While both schools follow the Montessori method of education, they integrate the latest trends in different educational philosophies in order to develop a holistic approach that enriches the Montessori method.

FOREIGN language is part of the curriculum.

Jay Villanueva, who holds an M.A. in Education, major in Elementary Education, from the Washington Montessori Institute of the Loyola College in Maryland, says the Montessori elementary curriculum consists of studies in mathematics, language and reading, social studies and the physical and biological sciences.

"We further enrich this curriculum by offering the students a choice of foreign language—French or Chinese, plus lessons in Kumon Math and English at the PMC Kumon Center. There are also enrichment programs in math, science and language arts and a class in creative and dance movement," Villanueva says.

More importantly are the values education classes that the school offers as a complement to its academic offerings. The Living Values Educational Program provides guiding principles and tools for the development of the whole person. The program focuses on cultivating values listed by people in over 60 countries. Cooperation, freedom, honesty, humility, love, respect and tolerance are some of the values taught in the program.

The program has received an award from the UN and is widely used in schools throughout Europe.

Advanced concepts

The Temple Hill classroom, like that of the PMC's, is equipped with materials that make advanced concepts concrete, inviting and attainable even for young minds.

"For example, math is learned through three-dimensional manipulative materials that interrelate arithmetic, geometry and algebra," Villanueva explains. "Their concreteness makes such abstract concepts accessible and interesting to even the young elementary child."

Their design for manipulation, aside from making them inviting, also allows the child to more deeply absorb the lesson.

Temple Hill students learn at their own pace as opposed to the traditional classroom where the students are limited by curriculum, strict schedules and grades. The Montessori method fosters exploration by allowing the child time and guidance to achieve a deeper and more lasting understanding of concepts.

The structure is such that the child is allowed to learn at his own pace, and his advancement into higher areas of knowledge is not limited by the need to follow a set time

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KINDERGARTEN grinding to Hawaiian music

TODDLER class going through "Magtanim ay di Biro"

A parent learns from his child's school, too

LET me share a story about a young boy named David. David looked like any typical boy his age—same height, same build. But there were things his peers could do that he could not—he could not count or recite the alphabet; he could not write or draw.

His mommy lovingly coaxed him to start counting his fingers and recite the ABC, but nothing happened. His sister tried to teach him how to pronounce the letters, repeating several times that "A" is for apple and alligator. His brother showed him how to hold a pencil and a crayon and draw a circle and a rectangle.

His daddy would sometimes compare him to a neighbor's son. David was not deaf or mute, but he could not write or draw. Finally, everyone in his family, maybe out of frustration or exasperation, decided to stop trying to help him and let him be.

Then one day, in the middle of a summer day, David just burst in on them and declared, "Mom, Dad, look, I can!"

David could speak. He could also write and draw. He even started to recite the alphabet and scribble some letters. His parents realized then that David was not dumb... He bloomed when the time was right for him.

Sometimes, we parents are like David's. We expect our kids to be able to do things we want them to do when we want them to. At times we unconsciously force them to do something not suited to their age. And then we are frustrated if they fail.

To protect our children from too much pressure from older brothers and sisters, from too much expectation from us parents, Second Mom comes to the rescue!

Second Mom is here to challenge our kids and give an alternative venue for learning—learning that takes into consideration the level of development of each child, patiently waiting for each child to bloom at his or her own special time. Second Mom encourages parents to be there when it happens and to witness such a beautiful experience for our children.

I'm sure that as our kids learn the alphabet, by the time they get to the letter Z, the wish list will become the homework of the whole family, including the *lolos* and *lolas*. I'm positive that you will help find, no matter how hard it is, the object that starts with the letter "Q" that your child can bring to school.

I'm certain the whole household will help catch an insect. I could still remember that morning when Jiggy got mad at his *lolo*'s houseboy who came to our house with a frog inside a bottle. Jiggy shouted: "A frog is not an insect. It's an animal!"

At some point your child probably shared with you lessons from school and even tried to discipline you. One time Jiggy was on the computer when I had to use it. I couldn't make him stop and we were already fighting. You know what he told me? "Daddy, Teacher Elaine said, Wait for your turn!"

I'm sure your prayer before meals and before going to bed now starts with: "Put your hands together, together..."

Such joys of learning during play were experienced by children in Second Mom. All this gives us confidence that by the time our children move on to a bigger school, they can proudly say: "Mom, Dad, look, I can!"

As a member of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Second Mom is committed to the provision of quality education to young children. It is located at Ultra in Pasig City, tel. 6359743.

Joey Medina

TOTS sing "Love in Any Language" with fervor

NURSERY class doing "La Bamba"

Second Mom acts as a second family to its students

PATRICK Gatan with daughter Victoria

TONI Aquino (nursery) with *lola*

SABINA Capello with son Jeremy

Temple of learning

PEER mentoring is an effective tool for learning.

JAY Villanueva leads a class discussion.

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table of lectures and learning at the same pace as his classmates.

Though many parents fear the freedom that comes with this method, studies have shown that Montessori students, in fact, end up exploring concepts more complex than those imposed by their year-level curriculum.

In addition, Villanueva and Woelhaff say that in the Montessori classroom, the teacher is constantly in close contact with her students and engages them in small group discussions, guides them in planning their work for the day and oversees their research projects.

"We keep close tabs on the children, and this enables us to determine if ever there are any problem areas that need to be addressed," Villanueva says.

Multiage classroom

Another unique feature is the multiage classroom concept being practiced at Temple Hill. "The multiage classroom simulates what is happening in the real world," Villanueva explains. "Current brain research now confirms that multiage classrooms offer one of the most conducive settings to learning, benefiting both younger and older children alike."

In the multiage classroom, the older students aid the teacher in the teaching of the younger children, which leads to a deeper internalization of the concepts. Villanueva adds that the small school population actually improves socialization skills, with all children and adults establishing close personal ties.

"They learn how to accept each other—the differences, strengths and weaknesses which is really how it should be in the real world," Woelhaff stresses.

Currently, the student population at Temple Hill is quite small and its administration aims to keep it as such. It offers the seven grades of elementary education; it will open a high school in a couple of years. The education department has deemed it a model school; it had brought in several busloads of teachers and school owners from Region 4 to observe and hopefully emulate the school in their own provinces.

A high-quality alternative education also has a relatively high price, but the school justifies this by the facilities, materials and programs that it offers. Much like its sister school, the PMC, Temple Hill has excellent standards, first-rate facilities and outstanding, progressive learning programs.

Like the model school that it is, hopefully it can be replicated in other parts of the country as well.

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ART expression is an essential part of learning.

Fulbright applications due May 31

THE DEADLINE of application for new Fulbright awards is May 31, according to the Philippine-American Educational Foundation.

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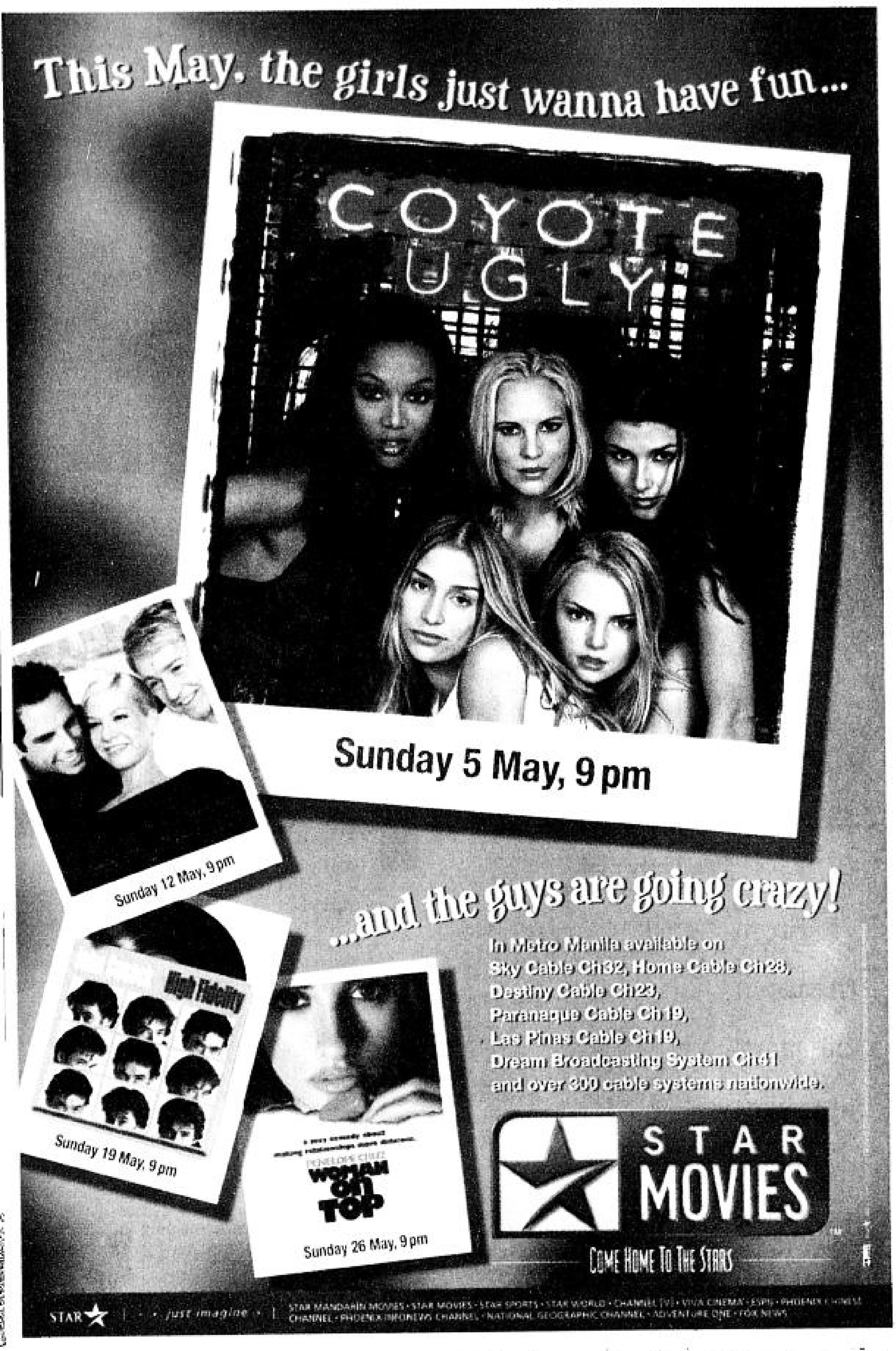

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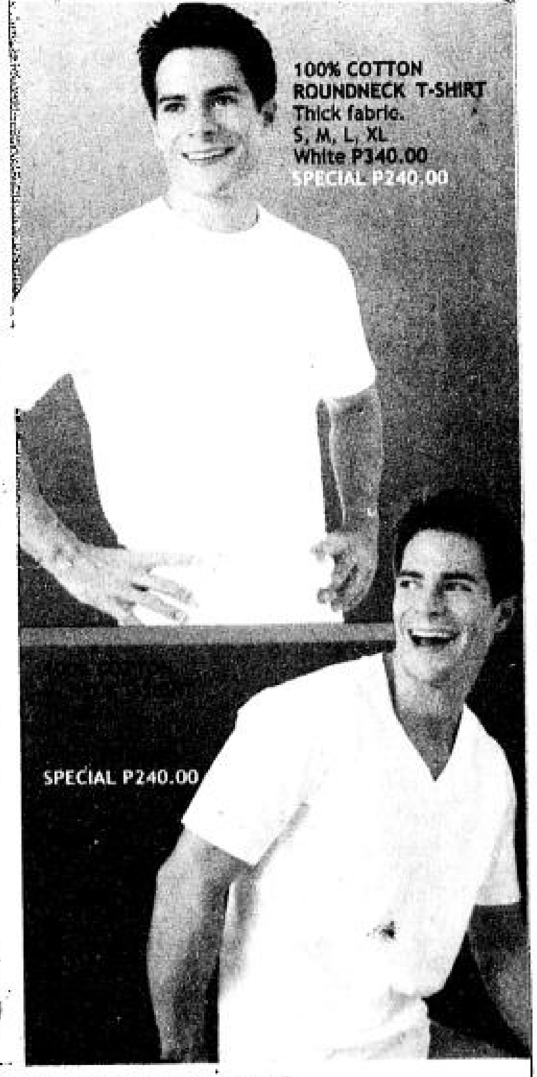

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TRAVEL

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DAZZLING white sand, proudly native architecture, palm trees—but it's not Boracay.

Marvelous Malapascua

Text and photos by Amadis Ma. Guerrero

From the town of Daanbantayan, it's only a 30-minute boat ride to the island that, even now, is a threatened paradise

THERE'S a new kid on the beachfront block and it rivals the world-famous Boracay in white-sand-and-palm-fringed beauty.

Malapascua Island off Northern Cebu, the new mecca for divers and ecotourists, is what Boracay was a decade ago.

But how did the island, also known as Logon, acquire its curious name? The legend is that Ferdinand Magellan passed through sometime during Christmas ("Pascuas"). And because the explorer met his death at the hands of the chieftain, Datu Lapu-Lapu, the voyage was unlucky ("malas") for him.

My trip to Malapascua was made possible by Regional Executive Director Augustus L. Momongan and Regional Public Affairs Officer Ruel P. Orillaneda of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in Central Visayas.

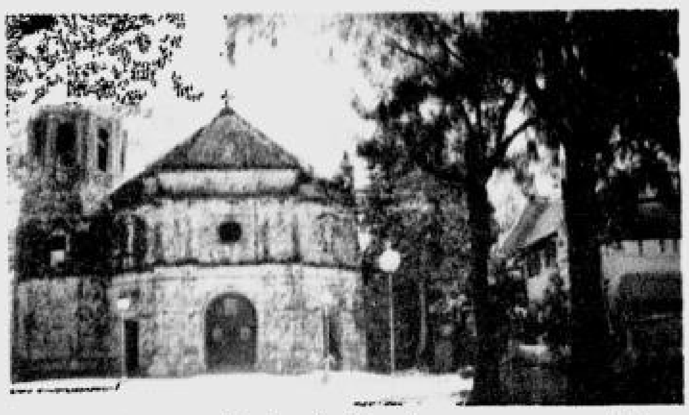
And, as in a previous trip to Bantayan Island, my tour guides were again DENR Cebu Forester Dante C. Soria and driver Richard B. Diaz, articulate as ever, and as bubbly as champagne. By now, Dante and Richard are like old friends.

At the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office in the town of Carmen, we are joined by foresters Daniel L. Notarte and Damiano A. Gamboa Jr.

Preliminaries

We speed through the coastal northern towns, past beaches lined with coconut-palm trees, local resorts, plazas, fishing ports, and sugar plantations where the workers live below the poverty line. (Their children sell ice cream in Cebu City or migrate to Metro Manila, returning during summer to work in the canning factories.)

It is a three-hour ride on mostly smooth roads. The entry point to Malapascua is Daanbantayan, 127 kilometers from Cebu City, the northernmost town of Cebu. Across the channel are the mountains of Leyte.



THAT'S the centennial church of Daanbantayan, entry point to the new mecca of ecotourists.

The ride in a pumpboat (P20 for Filipinos, double for foreigners) takes 30 minutes. The waters are dark blue in the middle of the channel, then pastel green and aquamarine (you can see the corals) and, finally, transparent. Swarms of flying fish greet you.

As the pumpboat approaches, Malapascua comes into clearer focus: dazzlingly white beaches, proudly native cottages (bamboo poles and slats, nipa shingles), and an array of coconut-palm trees.

The number of tourist beds on the 136-hectare island rose from about 20 in 1997 to 200 in 2000. There are about 22 resort operators who have permits; the rest just rent out rooms. As of 2000, the National Statistics Office counted 3,278 tourists on the island. There are 612 households, with a native population of more than 3,000.

Electricity is provided by privately owned generators operating from six to 24 hours. There are a few videoke joints and restaurant-bars, the biggest called Maldito. Here, the toilet for men is identified as (what else?) "Malditos" and that for women, "Malditas."

We search for accommodations and come upon a budget resort named Monteluna. And, at the behest of Daanbantayan Tourism Coordinator Romeo B. Canillas, we are given a 50-percent discount: P250 for the room. The amount is quite affordable even for this budget tourist. The bigger resorts charge about P850 per room.

But there are six of us, and so folding beds are brought in. Some of the foresters choose to sleep outside, *al fresco*, while Dante makes a dive for the hammock.

Main attraction

The dive sites are the main lure for tourists. These include Gato Island, Lapus-Lapus, North Point and, the most popular, Monad Shoal. The latter is remarkable for the presence of thresher sharks: gentle, graceful, big-eyed creatures with long fins.

Dive master Totong Dayday of the Malapascua Island Exotic Dive Resort says 6 a.m. is when smaller fish clean the thresher sharks, which even open their mouths to have their teeth cleaned!

Exotic Dive owner Cora de Boer, herself a diver, enthuses: "Ah, you will see reef sharks, sea snakes, crabs, seahorses, soft corals, and schools of big-mouthed mackerel."

Two policemen patrol the island, which, according to the hospitable barangay captain Mariano Ceros (he will offer you beer in the morning), "does not have any peace and order problems."

Threatened paradise

As of now, the problems concern the environment. The resort owners and administrators practice composting, say the DENR foresters, but the islanders have yet to come up with an organized system of waste disposal: They burn their trash. (Paging Mother Earth Unlimited; your seminars on zero waste are needed here.)

Marine life is also in danger. "The species of fish (including the thresher sharks) and their habitat need immediate protection and rehabilitation," Noel M. Alonzo warns in a Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Region 7 report.

THIS is the life.

Thus, at this early stage, Malapascua is already a threatened paradise. Poverty (or greed) impels certain fishermen to engage in dynamite fishing despite the dangerous consequences.

"Today, underwater, I heard two explosions," reveals says De Boer. "They are painful to the ears even if the blasts are some distance away. Both divers and sharks are startled."

As a result of the banned activity, some corals, habitat of the fish, have been destroyed. The local government is forming a Bantay Dagat (Baywatch) team, but red tape is hampering the process.

There is another potential threat, commercialization and rapid development, as the fame of the isle spreads through word of mouth, media coverage and endorsements from foreign travel guides.

Which is why advocates of responsible tourism declare: Let Malapascua be the "right" kind of ecodestination. Let it be just a haven for honeymooners, families, domestic and foreign tourists, divers and other water sports buffs, and exponents of the active lifestyle.

Getting there

How to get to Malapascua? The leisurely traveler from Manila may take a ship: WG & A Philippines' SuperFerry 9 or 12, which leaves the North Harbor twice a week for Cebu.

It's anchors away for SF9 (Cebu-Surigao-Butuan) on Mondays at 6 p.m. This is a good hour to travel, as you can view the sun setting over Manila Bay. Then the lights go on one by one, from the capital to Cavite and, across the bay, the fishing villages along Bataan's Mt. Samat.

The following morning is ticket-inspection time. Ship passengers are enjoined, in two languages, to stay in their accommodations or "should you wish to roam around, to bring your ticket."

You see the isles of Southern Tagalog and the Visayan Sea. But sometimes it is just the deep blue sea, with clouds and hazy mountain peaks in the far horizon.

In the afternoon, there is an emergency drill: "Fire in Tourist Section B!" A flurry of voices emanates from the sound system and 15 minutes later comes this order: "Officers and crew, prepare to abandon ship:" Frantic footsteps sound along the hall.

But the guests are repeatedly reassured: "Please do not panic. This is only a drill."

The trip takes 24 hours.

SF12 (Manila-Cebu only) is one of the flagships of WG &A, along with SF14, and its amenities include a swimming pool and a mini-basketball court. It is also faster than SF9, and can make Cebu in 21 hours.

Historic Cebu is the No. 1 tourist destination in the country outside of Metro Manila. The reasons are not hard to find. Cebu has beaches awash in white sand (some of it at one time illegally extracted from Bohol), and first-rate resorts and hotels.

There's the Waterfront Cebu City Hotel in the uptown area near the Ayala Center. I am drawn to its maritime theme and its façade: The rows of finials and watchtowers suggest a castle, if not a cathedral.

My room is on the 16th floor, thanks to the young PR manager, Pia Almendras. And there's a grand view of the city, bracketed by the Cebu Strait and Mt. Busay. But more visible now is the encroachment of mansions and cottages upon the already denuded mountain.

Youth is one of the assets of the hotel. The new food and beverage director is Marco E. Protacio, a young gourmet from Parañaque City. (Speaking of food, there's lots of it at the Café Uno buffet table.)

And after that interlude, you're ready to take on marvelous Malapascua.

TRAVEL BRIEFS

'Ticket Tipid'

THE COUNTRY'S oldest bus company, has launched a "Ticket Tipid" promo under its banner program Pamilya Philtranco Privilege Plus.

The promo is applicable in all Philtranco air-conditioned and ordinary buses as well as Gold Service coaches that ply the Manila-Bicol and Manila-Eastern Visayas routes, and is valid until Nov. 30.

Passengers need only to present their Privilege Plus cards and purchase a round-trip ticket to any of more than 69 local destinations at least a month in advance to get a discount of as much as 80 percent on the return trip. Gerardo C. Togle, the bus firm's vice president for marketing, said discounted tickets would be valid starting at 30 days after purchase and until one year from purchase.

Those wishing to enroll in the Privilege Plus program may do so at any of Philtranco's booking stations anywhere from Pasay City to Cebu and Davao.

Photo contest

CORREGIDOR, the island known as The Rock and the last refuge of Philippine and US forces during World War II, is the theme of an on-the-spot contest on June 8 and 9.

The contest is being organized by the Federation of Philippine Photographers Foundation in coordination with the Corregidor Visitors Information Center, Corregidor Foundation Inc., and Department of Tourism. The sponsor is Mitsubishi Film.

Amateur and professional photographers residing in the Philippines are qualified to join the contest.

For inquiries, visit the FPPF, 7/F Comfoods Bldg., Sen. Gil Puyat Ave. corner Chino Roces Ave., Makati City, or call 843-5341/813-7420.

Best beaches

INDEPENDENT travel website www.asia-hotels.com, in association with six top resorts in Asia and SCMP.com, has launched a search for the best beaches in the Asia-Pacific.

Users who vote for their favorite beach in the region through the website automatically get a chance to win complimentary nights at the Datai, Tanjung Rhu Resort and Pelangi Beach in Langkawi, Malaysia. Other prizes include free stays at the Pangkor Laut Resort in Malaysia; Friday's Beach Resort in Boracay, Philippines; Tanjong Jara Resort in East Malaysia; and Mutiera Beach Resort in Penang. One lucky voter will also get his/her round-trip flight paid for.

Whitehaven in the Whitesundays, Australia, is the top pick of the editors at asia-hotels.com. Other picks are any beach in the Maldives; White Beach in Boracay, Philippines; Fraser Island in Queensland; and Emerald Bay on Pangkor Laut.

To vote, go to http://www.asia-hotels.com/awards/beach/default.asp. Voting closes on June 30.

Launched in June 1997, asia-hotels.com offers business or leisure travelers independent advice on hotels and destinations in Asia.

For more information, call Riyaz Moorani in Manila at +(63) 2-889-9158; fax to (63) 2-8899155; or e-mail moorani@asia-hotels.com.

Shopping voucher

ROUND-TRIP business class passengers to Europe from Manila are offered a duty-free shopping voucher worth Euro 100 on every KLM flight. The shopping budget can be used on board the flight or at the duty-free shop at the Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam.

The voucher promo is valid until July 31 for round-trip intercontinental KLM World Business Class tickets purchased in the Philippines. Only those tickets originating from and ending in the Philippines to Europe, the Americas or Africa are qualified for the promotion. Return flights should be within a year from date of purchase of the ticket.

The vouchers for duty-free shopping at Schiphol will only be issued at the KLM Royal Dutch Airlines ticket office at 160 LP Leviste Street, Salcedo Village, Makati City.

For details, call (02) 815-4790 to 90 or e-mail reservations.philippines@klm.com.

FLOWER POWER

Floriade 2002 is drawing travelers to Haarlem in the Netherlands. The Valley of Blooms is one of 300 landscapes and gardens from the 40 nations participating in the horticultural event, which has for this year's theme "Feel Art in Nature." Adam's Express Travel can arrange a romantic walk through the world's flowers, plants, trees and shrubs. Call 521-1651 to 38.

Making back-to-school shopping less stressful

LALA, husband Pogs and children Danielle, Marc, Emman, Nico and Danica go back-to-school shopping .

EMMAN makes a choice—a pretty lunch kit, which she proudly shows mom Lala.

HOW do you get the most out of back-to-school trips to the malls?

Former supermodel and now full-time makeup artist and mother of five, Lala Flores-Magpantay, found it practical to shop at Robinsons Department Store (RDS) since everything is found under one department store.

Lala, who was accompanied by husband Pogs and their five children (Danielle, 10, Danica, 9, Emman, 5, Marc, 3, and Nico, 1), said, "For back-to-school shopping, we planned our day ahead and tried to be at the store early. It was more orderly and less stressful that way."

With three grade-schoolers to shop for, Lala prepared a shopping list to avoid buying things children didn't really need, and set a budget for each item.

"Quality should be the main consideration... so you don't have to replace [items] throughout the school year," she stressed.

She advises other women to watch out for special promos to save money. At RDS, Lala bought from the Wise Buy Section, which offered value for money.

Lala added that she always brought her children along when buying shoes and uniforms so they could find out immediately if items fit. Besides, she said, "Shopping is a great way to spend time together and enjoy each other's company."

DANIELLE, Danica and Emman love these pretty school bags.

Discounts, prizes and good buys at Singapore sale

THE GREAT Singapore Sale (GSS 2002) returns. The sale, ongoing till July 7, is even bigger with greater participation from retailers all over Singapore who will be offering discounts of up to 70 percent—or even more.

Highlights also include late-night shopping and fashion shows. Shoppers can take part in the sure-win instant dips and lucky draws until June 23. Every S$50 single-day purchase can win a lucky shopper attractive prizes in the instant, weekly and grand draws. Purchases amounting to S$150 entitles one to an exclusive gift.

Major department stores such as John Little, Tangs and Robinsons offers their quality merchandise at huge discounts and give attractive gifts with purchases.

Enjoy discounts of 10-80 percent for big brand names such as Aigner, Bally, Coach, Bruno Magli, Charles Jourdan, Liz Claiborne, Escada, Polo Ralph Lauren and Swarovski, in the great fashion and accessories sale.

Renowned watch retailers such as Cortina Watch, City Chain, All Watches and Precious Time also offers huge discounts. Singapore's chains of jewelers also gives storewide discounts.

Singapore is raffling off great prizes, as shoppers get the chance to participate in numerous citywide contests like the Shop, Dial & Win. Spend a minimum of $30 (single receipt) to participate in the draw for a chance to win cars, travel packages and more.

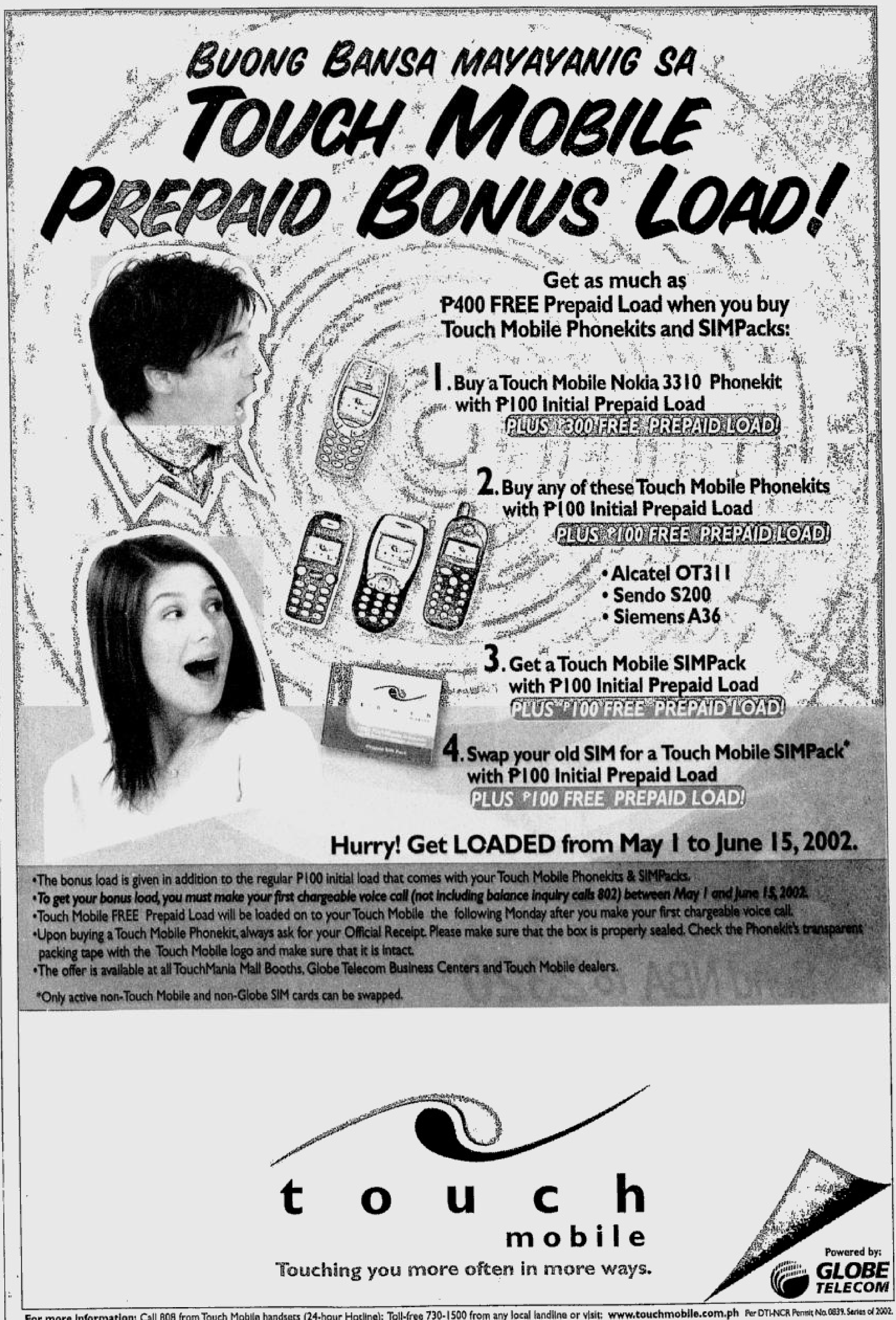
Join the Islandwise Instant Win & Grand Draw by Visa, official card of the GSS 2002. Every S$50 purchase on Visa card gives cardholders a chance to win S$50,000.

Shoppers can take a break by visiting, among others, the MimeFest 2002 (until June 2) at the Centerpoint Mall. The nine-day festival showcases different types of mime acts from around the world. A different culture is showcased at the Chinese Arts and Crafts (until June 23) exhibit.

Kids can have fun in the Movie-Making Workshop conducted by instructors from MediaCorp Studios or Raintree Pictures. Or they can visit the Lego Asia Action Show (until June 23). Earthquake, City Construction, Football Stadium, Dino Island, Mind Storms and Star Wars are some of the interactive Lego exhibits.

The Singapore Arts Festival presents "Arts on the Move" (June 2-20) to celebrate artistic innovations and cultural diversity.

GSS 2002 is organized by the Singapore Retailers Association with the Retail Promotion Center and the Singapore Tourism Board.



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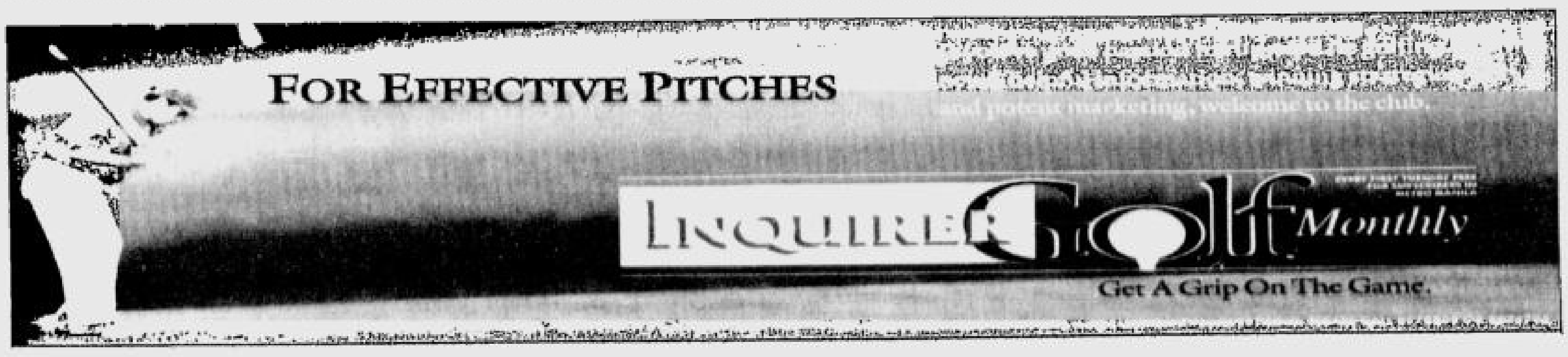

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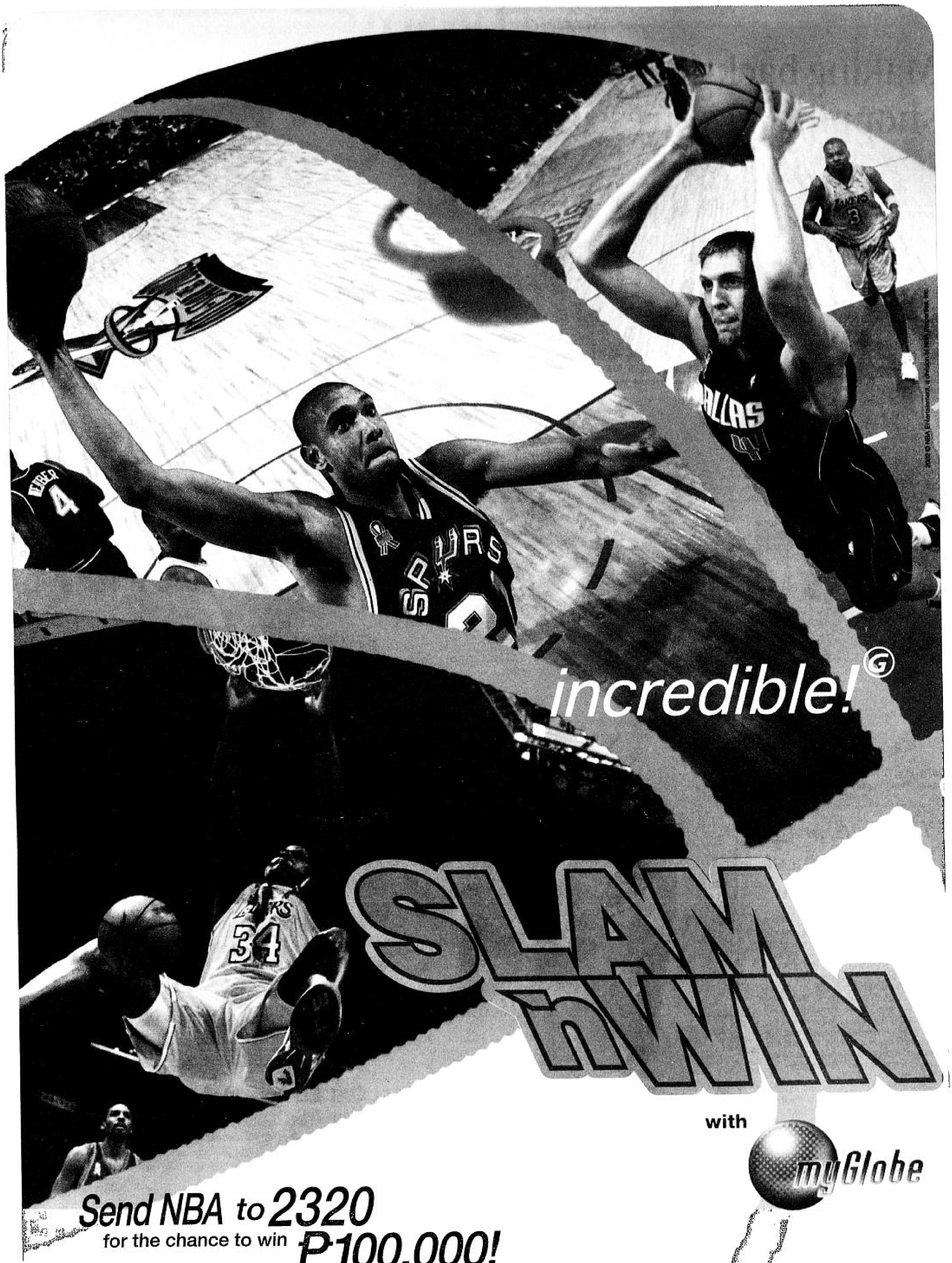
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Sunday LIFESTYLE

Weddings & Engagements

HAROLD Soriaga with his bride Jolla Angelica Amparo

Love conquers unwilling 'victim'

THE COUPLE with the principal sponsors: (from left) Feli-Ann Pineda, Dr. Purificacion Amparo, Lucette Natividad, Milagros Jarlega, Rosvida Dominguez, Paul Dominguez, Francisco Mier, Dr. Romeo Capa, engineer Evelio Echavez and engineer Rene Garcia (representing Dr. Francisco Viray)

By Mark Clemence de Castro
Contributor

HAROLD Lega Soriano was not looking for love when he met Jolla Amparo in July 1996. After several failed relationships, all he wanted was to enjoy a two-month cruise around Southeast Asia and Japan. The last thing he needed was a cute PY (or participating youth, as they were called in the Ship for Southeast Asia Youth Program) showing an interest in him.

No one really knew how it happened. Harold and Jolla went out for dinner a couple of nights before departure for Bangkok, where the ship was waiting, with the rest of the 45-strong Philippine delegation. After that, Harold was often seen in the company of a Singaporean and Jolla with a VJ from Brunei.

Some of Jolla's closest friends knew she had a crush on Harold, but several others in the cruise were also quite taken by his charming smile and unorthodox but cute way of conducting the Philippine choir. Harold, on the other hand, seemed to be smitten by the musically inclined lady from the Merlion City.

So it was quite a shock when Harold, on the group's last evening in Japan, asked Jolla if she would consider a relationship with him. Was it because long-distance calls and the Manila-Davao-Manila plane fare were a lot cheaper than calls and trips to Singapore? Just as stunning was Jolla's response—asking Harold to give her three days to think about his offer.

Determined to make the relationship work, Harold moved to Davao leaving behind his mom, siblings, friends and a singing career. He spent the next couple of years working in a cement plant. Harold did not regret his decision to be with Jolla. He admitted that he didn't really know if he loved her when he "courted" Jolla. He simply wanted commitment after previous attempts at love failed.

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Love conquers

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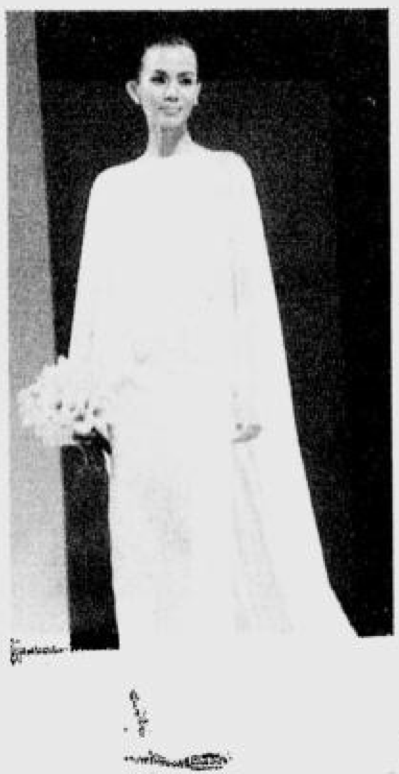
After spending a year at Stanford University for graduate studies, Harold came home during the break with a diamond ring. He surprised Jolla when, accompanied by his mom, he proposed to her in a room filled with roses and sang a song he composed that morning. Tears filled Jolla's eyes and although she never got to say yes, her acceptance of Harold's ring was good enough for him and they set their wedding date.

Harold, the son of Mr. and Ms Rodolfo Soriaga, and Jolla, daughter of Mr. and Ms Butch Amparo, were wed at the Redemptorist Church in Davao City. Reception followed at the Ladislawa Country Club.

The groom was committed to write a song for his bride on their wedding day, but couldn't seem to produce a decent composition. However, there was no way he could drop the project since he already included a "song by a special guest" in the program he gave to Jolla.

Drawing inspiration from the officiating priest's homily, Harold managed to put together a song, which at first seemed senseless to him. But the tears falling down his cheeks as he sang it to his bride during the reception convinced him that he had, indeed, found love in Jolla.

THE SORIAGAS and Amparos



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Bobby Novenario presented this dream wedding gown in the recent bridal show at the Rizal Ballroom of the Makati Shangri-La. Inspired by the movie "My Fair Lady," the ensemble featured a column gown in pure silk duponi embroidered with beads, rhinestones and pearls. Similar beads, rhinestones and pearls embellished the border of a silk chiffon cape that continued into a train. Sandals with rhinestone-studded heels by Confetti completed the ensemble.

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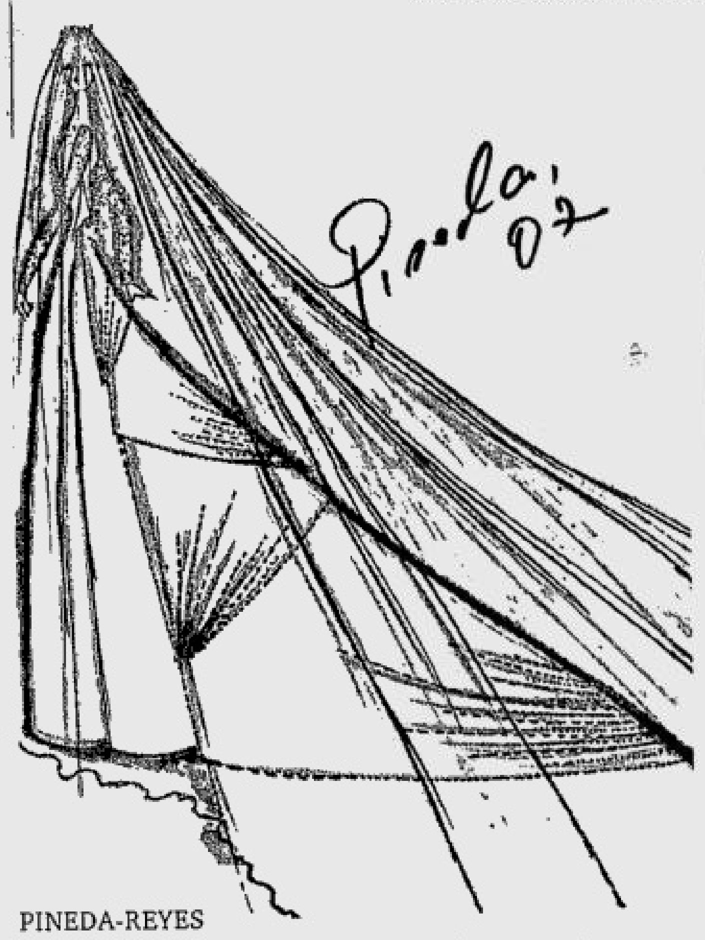


PINEDA-REYES

Grace Reyes, daughter of judge **Wilfredo** and **Estephany Reyes**, will exchange vows with **Bennie Pineda**, son of **Henry** and **Baby Pineda**, on May 31 at The Shrine of Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Eric Pineda designed the bride's gown in ecru Swiss alaskin. The bodice has a long-sleeved stretch tulle top fully beaded with caviar beads, iridescent sequins and Swarovski crystals. The gown has a five layer asymmetric train in satin organza traced with a sunburst pattern of ivory and sky blue pailettes and rhinestones. The back panel is accented with handmade cabbage roses and ostrich feathers. A 10-yard-long veil of glitter-specked illusion tulle held by floral-shaped Swarovski crystal pins would cover the bride's face.

The entourage will wear chiffon gowns in aqua, teal, Prussian and slate blue. The groom will wear an especially embroidered *barong* in *piña* silk.

Reception will follow at the Grand Ballroom, Westin Philippine Plaza.

WAGAN-DE CASTRO

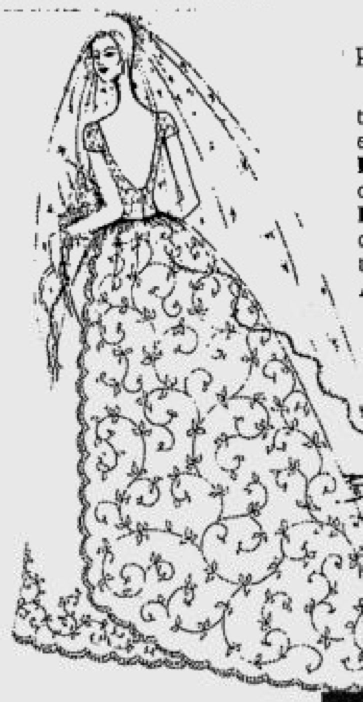
Erick Wagan, son of former Mayor **Aniano** and **Teresita Wagan**, wed **Grace de Castro**, daughter of engineer **Ernesto** and **Nanette de Castro**, yesterday at the San Agustin Church, Intramuros, Manila. Reception followed at the Embassy Ballroom, Traders Hotel, Manila.

GARCIA-DELICA

Buddy Garcia, son of **Jorge** and **Elena Garcia** (both deceased), wed **Glenda Delica**, daughter of **Agapito** and **Francisca Delica**, on April 27 at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Batangas City. Reception followed at Casa Blanca, Pallocan, Batangas City.

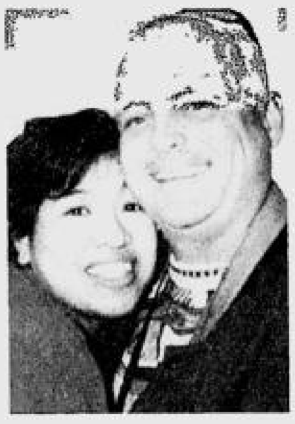
LAYANTE-ISLA

Danilo Layante, son of **Dominador** and **Natalia Layante**, and **Joycelyn Isla**, daughter of **Honesto Jr.** and **Aida Isla**, will exchange wedding vows on June 8 at St. Andrew's Church, La Huerta, Parañaque City. Reception will follow at St. Andrew's Gym.



PASCUA-NANGGAN

Emmie P. Nanggan, daughter of **Marina P. Nanggan**, will exchange marriage vows with **Inocencio S. Pascua III**, son of **Inocencio Jr.** and **Rosario Pascua**, on May 28 at the Shrine of Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life. Emmie will wear an **Abet A. Alvarez** creation in ecru shantung silk accented by a beaded tulle train with intricate embroidery. **Mia Urquico** of Mico designed her shoes. **Riza Puso** of "R" creations will coordinate the event.



LITTLE-REYES

Mark David Little, son of Rev. and Ms **Clayton Little**, will wed **Ma. Lourdes Reyes**, daughter of Mr. and Ms **Romeo Reyes**, on June 7 at the San Agustin Church, Intramuros, Manila. Fr. **Pedro Galende**, OSA, will officiate. The couple will be based in Atlanta, Georgia.

SIMBULAN
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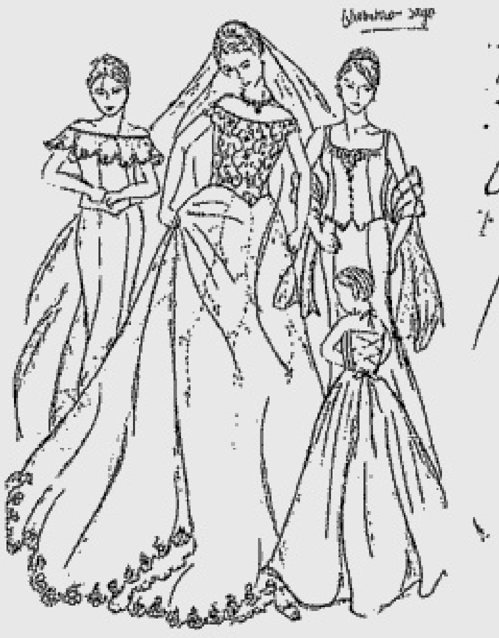
Rafael and **Julieta** will renew their marriage vows on June 30 at the Holy Cross Parish Church, Nabua, Camarines Sur. The couple was blessed with eight children—**Ricardo**, **Celeste**, **Fernando**, **Francisco**, **Mercedes**, **Emily**, **Beatriz** and **Rafael Jr.**—all successful in their own fields, and 28 grandchildren. Reception will follow at the Macagang Business Center and Resort, Nabua, Camarines Sur.

ALENTAJAN-ANGELES

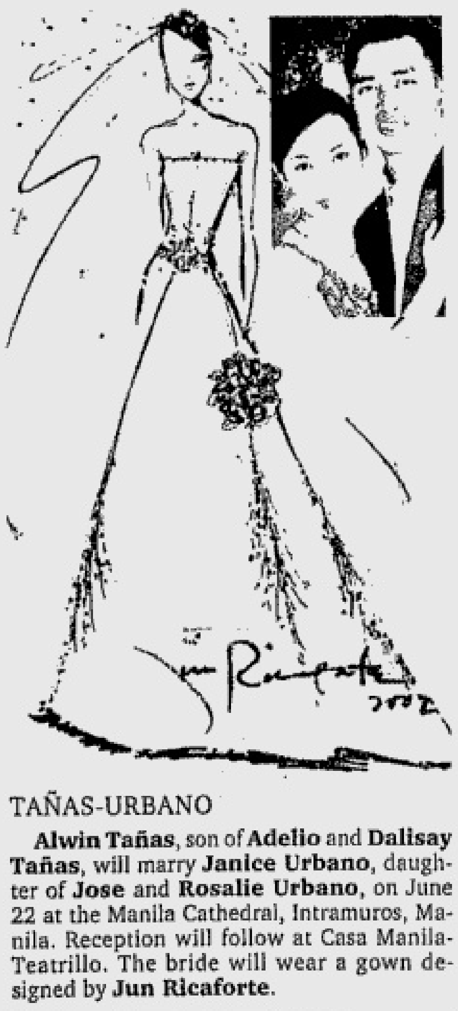
Dondi Alentajan wed **Tara Angeles** in ceremonies officiated by Rev. **Victor Y. Apacible** on May 21 at the Archbishop's Palace, Villa San Miguel. Reception followed at La Vista Clubhouse, Loyola Heights, QC. The bride and groom are shown with their parents **Danilo** and **Evangeline Angeles**, and Dr. **Marilyn** and lawyer **Bonifacio Alentajan**.



QUIMBAO-SAYO

Kelly Sayo, daughter of **Federico** and **Aurora Sayo**, wed **Allan Quimbao**, son of **Jesus** and **Teofila Quimbao**, on May 25 at the Basilica Minore of the Immaculate Conception Cathedral Parish, Malolos, Bulacan. Reception followed at Max's Restaurant.

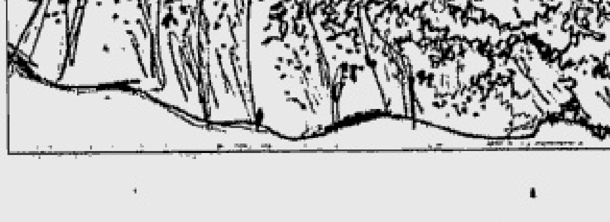
The bride wore an off-shoulder gown of lace organza with transparent pearls, sequins and rhinestones. The hemline was traced with beaded lace scallops. The entourage wore gowns in matte gold motif. Design, decoration of gowns and wedding accessories by **Junel Gallon**.



TAÑAS-URBANO

Alwin Tañas, son of **Adelio** and **Dalisay Tañas**, will marry **Janice Urbano**, daughter of **Jose** and **Rosalie Urbano**, on June 22 at the Manila Cathedral, Intramuros, Manila. Reception will follow at Casa Manila-Teatrillo. The bride will wear a gown designed by **Jun Ricaforte**.

Oskar Peralta dresses up Mutyang Ginang ng Pasig



LYDIA Bernal Reyes will wear a gown by Oskar Peralta when she is crowned Mutyang Ginang ng Pasig 2002 on June 1, 7 p.m., at the Immaculate Conception Parish Center, Pasig. The event is a fund-raising project of the parish. The white chiffon gown is beaded all over and accented with a long train. The gown for the *santacruzan* the following evening is made of white organza with different shades of blue, and touches of gold and silver. Dangling scallops are sewn to the gown with flowers of May inserted in the scallops.

Couple acts like newlyweds even after 65 years of marriage

DAMASO Acosta and Andrea Sales Pilar-Acosta, who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary at the Quezon City Sports Club on April 23, are a very special couple.

It is not just the fact that the couple, both in their 90s, can still dance the waltz but also because they remain inseparable even after six decades of marriage, loathe to spend even a minute apart.

The couple still talks to each other for hours on the phone, exchanging sweet nothings even now. They still address each other by their pet names—Daddy and Mommy.

The love, trust and friendship they share have inspired their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren who attended their wedding anniversary.

"We admire and respect the wisdom of our parents. They're still very sharp and keen, and they're a very loving couple," says Cynthia Camacho of her parents.

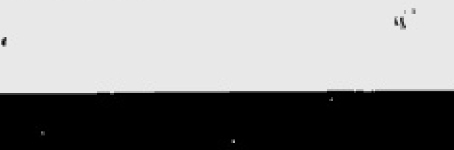
She says the secret of her parents' enduring love and life is a combination of love, patience and understanding mixed with lifetime habits such as drinking wine (*basi*) and eating lots of vegetables.

The couple's anniversary celebration served as a reunion for the whole clan, with the celebrators' great grandchildren providing entertainment numbers. Daughters Theresita Uy and Cynthia, with their spouses Rizalino and Pablo, respectively, and some of the grandchildren, participated in the ballroom dancing.

Fr. Ronald Macale and Fr. Andy Lumasac officiated the Mass in the renewal of the vows of Damaso and Andrea.

Damaso, a doctor, and Andrea, a teacher, met in Bacarra, Ilocos Norte. They got married on April 23, 1937.

ANSWER TO SUNDAY CROSSWORD



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JUNE SCHEDULE
RECREATIONAL AND ONE-DAY BUSINESS CLASS

June 03, Mon. – CHINESE FUSION 1. Stuffed Eggplant, Squid in Fusion, Coco Chicken, Sautéed Beef with Fruit in Season and Cranberry and Apple Joy from Chef Henry Chung for Php1, 500.00 including all ingredients from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. NEW CLASS

June 04, Tues. – CHINESE FUSION 2. For the part 2, Chef Henry Chung will demonstrate to us Crab and Corn Soup, Catfish Fillet in Black Bean Sauce, Pork with Szechuan Vegetables, Prawns with Chestnuts and Pear Sauce and Yummy Yum for Php1,500.00 including all ingredients from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. NEW CLASS

June 05, Wed. – GREAT TASTING SALADS. Let's make all these salads and it maybe the next sandwich filing, pasta sauce or the main course dish itself. Chef Jun-jun will show you how to make the following: Chicken, Pecan and Grape Salad; Spinach and Pear Layer with Warm Bacon Sauce; Smoked Salmon Topped Iceberg Lettuce with Lemon Capers Dressing; Watercress and Salami Mix with Raspberry Vinaigrette; Fishy-Fatty Tomato with Mclean Salad Sauce and Arugula, Mango and Proscuitto Salad. From 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. for P1,500.00 including all ingredients. Plus a bonus recipe to go with your salad.

June 06, Thurs. – PRAWNS TO PLEASE. Chef Gene will teach us different style in cooking prawns. Recipes include Prawns Furai, Prawns Benihana, Sizzling Crystal Prawns in Chinese Bagoong, Prawns in Orange Sauce, Prawns in Tamarind Sauce (Crustacean Style) and Prawns in Caramelized Walnuts for P1,500.00 including all ingredients from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

June 7, Fri. – THE ULTIMATE LASAGNE CLASS. This time let's do pasta that is layered, filled and definitely delicious. Chef Junjun will demonstrate making fresh pasta and the use of commercial brands. He will share the following recipes: Classic Italian Lasagna, Assorted Mushroom Lasagna, Duck Lasagna, Lasagne with Tuna Tomato Sauce, Green Lasagne with Ricotta and Sweetie Lasagne for P1,500.00 from 10:00 – 4:00 p.m. NEW CLASS

June 10, Mon. – THE ART OF JAPANESE FRYING. Chef Rikichi Aoki from Osaka, Japan teaches the simple art of Favorite Japanese Fried Dishes in this class that features Tempura, Katsudon, Tongkatsu, Donburi plus the sauces that accompanies every dish. Recipes include all ingredients for P1,200.00 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. NEW CLASS

June 11, Tues. – MODERN AND EASY PASTA SAUCES. In this class, Chef Jun-jun will demonstrate a new set of tasty pasta sauces with familiar ingredients to tickle your palate: Clam & Anchovy in Olive oil; Armida's Delight; Gorgonzola and Red Bell Pepper Sauce; Tuna and Sun dried Tomatoes; Lemon Butter Sauce and Three Mushroom Cream with White Truffle Oil. Recipes include all ingredients from 10:00 – 4:00 p.m. for P1,500.00

June 12, Wed. – SPECIAL EVERYDAY MEALS 1.. This meal that Chef Gino teaches is meant to put a smile on every person seated on the table. Recipes include Fried Mozzarella with Marinara Sauce, Gambas, Chicken Parmiggiano, Grape Salad, Fillet of Steak with 3 Mushroom Gravy and Butterscotch Cream Pie. For Php 1,200.00 including ingredients from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

June 13, Thurs. – EVERYBODY LOVES CHICKEN. Chicken dishes from Chef Junjun for the whole family to enjoy. Chicken Perrins, Dutch Oven Roast Chicken, Spanish Chicken Stew, Chicken Teriyaki, Oven BBQ Chicken and Pollo Parmigiana for Php1,500.00 including all ingredients from 10:00 – 4:00 p.m. NEW CLASS

June 14, Fri. – FAVORITE BREADS 2. New set of bread recipes from Chef Jill Sandique will be demonstrated in class such as Cinnamon Rolls, Sticky Buns, Russian Flat Bread, Butter Rolls, Sandwich Bun and Cumin-Garbanzo Bread for Php 1,200.00 including all ingredients from 10:00 – 4:00 p.m. NEW CLASS

June 17, Mon. – SUSHI & SASHIMI WORKSHOP. Chef Rikichi Aoki from Osaka, Japan will teach us simple and basic recipes in doing Sushi and Sashimi. Recipes include California Roll, Tekka Roll, Tekka Maki, Tuna, Shrimp, Ika (Squid), Tamago, Salmon and the making of Sushi Rice and Sauces For P1,500.00 including all ingredients from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. NEW CLASS

June 18, Tues. – ITALIAN CAKES AND COOKIES. A NEW CLASS from Chef Junjun that is simple and great tasting coffee delights from Italy. Recipes include Chocolate Espresso Cake, Carrot Almond Cake, Hazelnut and Lemon Meringue, Italian Chocolate Malt, Apple Amaretti Cake and Orange & Lemon Cake for Php 1,500 including all ingredients from 10:00 – 4:00 p.m.

June 19, Wed. – SPECIAL EVERYDAY MEALS 2. Chef Gino will teach us another set of easy to do meals like Stuffed Mushrooms, Salpicado, Chicken ala King in Phyllo Cups, Penne with Four Cheese Sauce, Salmon Meuniere with Lemon Dill Veloute, Bananas with Rhum and Raisins. Recipes include all ingredients from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. for Php1, 200.00.

June 20, Thurs. – THE SPECIALTY BURGER CLASS 2. Chef Gino will teach the sequel to the basic burgers of class 1. Learn to make great theme burgers such as the Brazilian, Duck, Chicken, Seafood, Sausage, Teriyaki Wasabi and the sumptuous fixins that go with it. Great for entertaining and for food business from 10:00 – 3:00 p.m. for P1,500.00 including all ingredients. NEW CLASS

June 21, Fri. – FAVORITE COOKIES AND BARS. A NEW CLASS from Chef Junjun who grew up with Nutty Butterscotch Bars, Oatmeal Mango Cookies; Coffee Toffee Pecan Bars, Rocky Road Bar, Amaretti Cookies and Neiman's Mistake for Php 1,200 including all ingredients from 10.00 – 4:00 p.m.

June 24 & 25, Mon. & Tues. – THE COFFEE CLASS 1 & 2. Learn from Chef Gene Gonzalez, the taste master of coffee and consultant designer to several coffee house systems teach you (hands-on) the basic of making proper and profitable cups of Americano, Espresso, Cappuccino, Lattes, etc. The class will also touch on the basics of blending, machine and costing on the first day. Day 2 will cover exciting and high profit cold coffee concoctions with creative topping and syrups such as Mocha Madness, Cafe Sevilla, Café Tortoni, Coffee Jelly etc. The course is open to both restaurant operators and hobbyists. Recipes include all ingredients from 10.00 – 4.00 for Ph 3,000.00 for the 2 days.

June 26, Wed – SAVORY CHEESECAKE. Cheesecakes are not only for Desserts. They can be delicious starters, a light meal or a main course such as Chef Gino original recipes of Waldorf Cheesecake; Muffuletta Cheesecake; Cheesecake Parmigiano; Smoked Ham, Artichoke and Feta Cheesecake; Pesto Cheesecake, No Bake Norwegian Salmon, Dill and Capers Cheesecake plus bonus recipes of Tomato Confit and Delanghita Vinaigrette for P1,500.00 from 10:00 – 4:00 p.m. NEW CLASS

June 27, Thurs. – THAI FAVORITES 3. New recipes from Chef Chariya Thaikupt that you will all enjoy Recipes include Shrimp Spring Roll with Chili Sauce, Steamed Sea bass with Manow, Squid Salad, Pineapple Fried Rice, Panang Gai and Hibiscus Iced Tea for only P1,200.00 including all ingredients from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

June 28, Fri. – A TASTE OF VIETNAM 1. Chef Chariya borrows from her Vietnamese side and presents recipes such as Finger Chili Sauce, Chagio (Spring Rolls), Pickled Vegetables, Vietnamese Chicken Salad, Nem Nuong with Sauce, Pho (Beef Soup) and Sago with Buko for P1,200.00 including all ingredients. 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

June 29, Sat. – THAI KAKANIN 2. Another set of native delicacies from Chef Chariya of Thailand will be demonstrated and recipes include Tapioca Dumpling, Tua Pab, Cassava Cake, Crispy Rice with Sauce, Sago with Pork and Thai iced tea for P1 200 00 including all ingredients for 1 00 – 4 00 p m

New preneed service helps make dream weddings come true

By Alex Y. Vergara

ARE you afraid to take the plunge because there's not enough money in the bank to pay for your dream wedding?

The same thought crossed Eric Gavino's mind more than two years ago. Gavino, then working for a leading drug firm, was thinking of getting himself a pension plan until an agent from Philam Plans (tel. 528-5200) offered him the company's newest product: a wedding plan.

Although he had yet to find the woman of his dreams, Gavino ended up buying the new product instead. "Since I was planning to get married eventually," he says, "the offer made a lot of sense."

Like a pension plan, the wedding plan is payable over a certain period of time—five years in Gavino's case. He has been making quarterly payments of P3,000 for almost two years now. He would be able to pay the full amount in three more years, but Gavino has to wait another five years before the wedding plan matures to avail of the promised P100,000 (the amount depends on prevailing interest rates).

As a bonus, Philam Plans will provide Gavino, now 25, and his future bride with a list of special deals—from couturiers to wedding organizers, reception venues to honeymoon destinations—to lessen their headache and help them make the most out of their money.

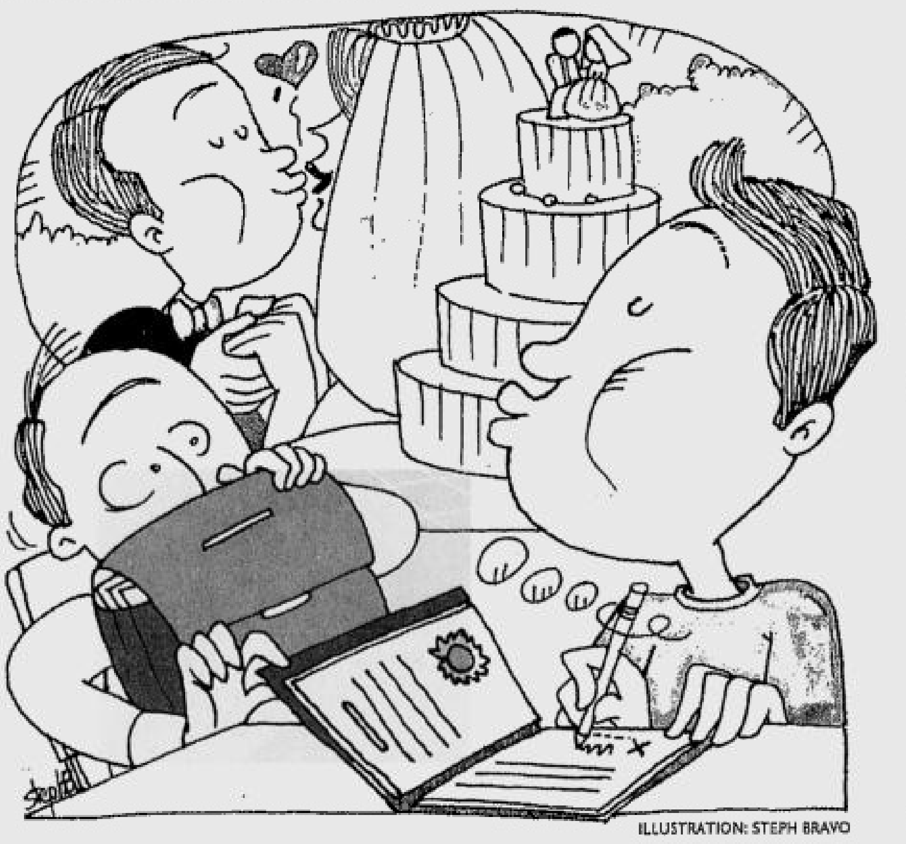
The wedding plan also has an insurance component in case something happens to Gavino between now and his wedding day. The outstanding balance is waived automatically should he pass away before paying the full amount. Relax, the would-be spouse doesn't qualify as a beneficiary.

In the last two years, Gavino has joined Philam Plans' human resources department. He has also found a girlfriend. Can she wait until he is able to claim the benefits from his wedding plan? What if they don't end up with each other? What if, God forbids, Gavino is suddenly struck by lightning and opts for single blessedness?

"He could use the money to travel or start a business," says Amy Tamayo, vice president for marketing support of Philam Plans. "Since [the plan] is very flexible, he could use the amount for purposes other than a wedding. Once the wedding plan is fully paid, it also becomes a negotiable instrument that could double as a collateral."

That's why unit managers like Pauline de los Reyes have positioned the product not only as a wedding plan. In fact, not a few parents have bought the plan to prepare for such milestones as a child's 7th or 18th birthday.

Several clients, for instance, have bought the plan for their 25th and 50th wedding anniversary. In a touching gesture, a grandmother gifted her newborn grandson with one. "The bulk of my clients, however, is composed either of young professionals or well-meaning parents," De los Reyes says.



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It's part of our culture, adds Tamayo, for parents to assist in financing their children's wedding. It comes as no surprise then that parents get wedding plans for their kids as young as 5.

"We looked at our list of plan holders four years ago and realized that we're missing out on the 6- to 18-year-old market," she says.

Parents who get an education plan for their children, for instance, usually finish paying by the time the kids turn 10. These kids, in turn, won't be getting themselves a pension or memorial plan until they reach their early 20s.

"What can we offer them in between those years?" says Tamayo. "That's why we thought of introducing [the wedding] plan. We were thinking of calling it a special occasion plan, but stuck to a wedding plan for stronger branding."

De los Reyes likes to emphasize when she makes a presentation, the product could boost plan holder's stock when its time to choose a mate. But not in Gavino's case. His current girlfriend learned about the existence of the plan much later. Now all she and Gavino have to do is wait and make sure they end up in each other's arms.

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Since parents often assist in financing their children's wedding, many parents get wedding plans for kids as young as 5

Photographer shares experience in condo fire

THE CONSUMER

Marietta Velasco Giron

COMMERCIAL photographer Patrick Uy's condominium unit was destroyed by a fire April 5, allegedly because somebody carelessly smoked while workers were spraying paint.

Right now, Uy and his family are going through the ordeal of rebuilding their lost home and valuable possessions. But he considers himself lucky that he and his family were not hurt.

According to Uy, presence of mind, lessons from a fire drill, and the prompt response and concerted efforts of firefighters saved lives and further damage at The Meridian, a seven-floor condominium on Annapolis, Greenhills. The entire sixth floor, where Uy lived, was burned during the three-hour blaze that started at 2 p.m.

Uy shares his experience to warn our readers to be alert when there are repairs, painting or construction work going on in the neighborhood.

He said his wife Evelyn went shopping that fateful day and had just entered their condo when she heard neighbors screaming. Smoke was already coming out of the next door unit when she went out to check.

She promptly asked the building administrator to shut off the electrical power while her son Christopher ran downstairs to alert security about the smoke. Evelyn, her two other sons, Gregory and Timothy, and a nephew then rushed down the stairs bringing only what they could grab from their home.

"After 10 years of shooting photos of beautiful homes, there I was taking photographs of my own home—in ashes. I couldn't believe it," Uy said.

He was lucky that his cameras, film stock, negatives and valuable files were in his office in Makati. However, his passport was lost.

Uy is supposed to shoot a wedding in the US, among other assignments, and getting new passports and visas for himself and the members of his family is driving him crazy these days. The biggest delay, he said, was at the National Statistics Office.

The photographer gives the following advice to condominium dwellers:

- Know your valuable possessions. It will be useful when making insurance claims. (Units owned by members of The Meridian homeowners association are insured.)
- Valuable records should be stored together in a fireproof safe. Make xerox copies.
- Know the fire exits.
- Check if emergency fire extinguishers are working.
- Know telephone numbers of building administrator, security guards, Manila Electric Company and Bureau of Fire Protection.

Consumer complaints

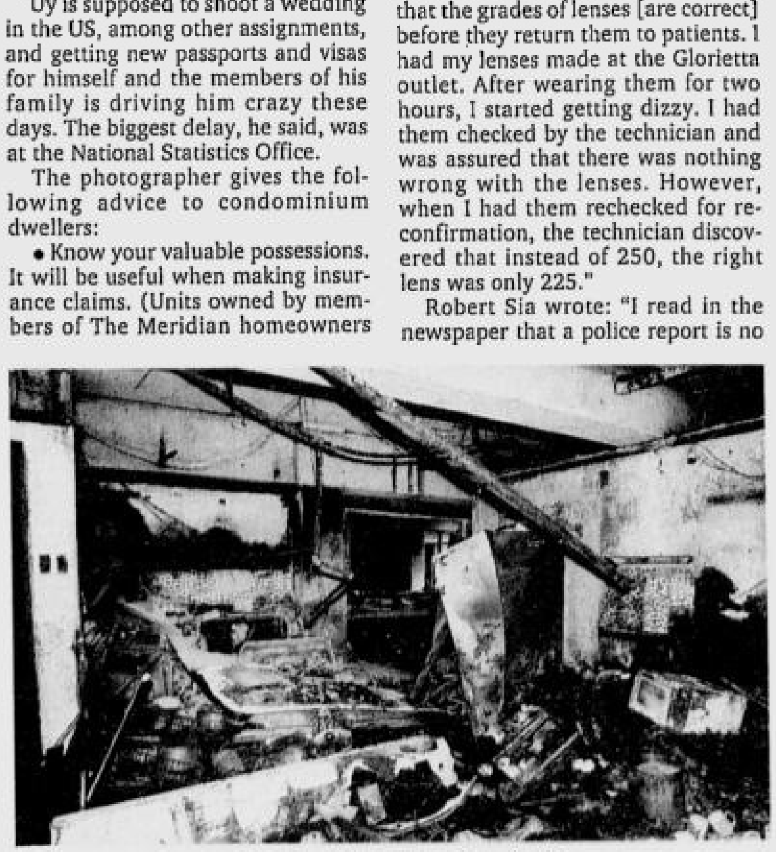
E. Capili of ilipac@skyinet.net wrote: "Since I opened a franchised electronic repair shop last December, I have been religiously monitoring the electric meter for daily consumption in the store. Up until end of January, my consumption never (exceeded) 300 kilowatt per month, which falls within the subsidy level of Meralco. It means, rate for the first 10 kwh is lower than [for] the rest of the electricity a subscriber consumes.

"However, there was no meter reading in February, and Meralco evidently estimated my store's consumption. Since then, my consumption rate has been exceeding the subsidy level, all because the company missed reading the meter.

"How much does Meralco earn when it doesn't read the meter and just estimates the subscriber's consumption rate?"

From B. Villamor of Parañaque City: "I just want to remind the eye specialists of Almeda Optical to check that the grades of lenses [are correct] before they return them to patients. I had my lenses made at the Glorietta outlet. After wearing them for two hours, I started getting dizzy. I had them checked by the technician and was assured that there was nothing wrong with the lenses. However, when I had them rechecked for reconfirmation, the technician discovered that instead of 250, the right lens was only 225."

Robert Sia wrote: "I read in the newspaper that a police report is no longer required in requesting cellular phone companies to block the [use] of stolen handsets. When I called up the telephone hotlines to report my stolen unit and request to have it blocked, I was told that a police report was still required. Aren't the original purchase receipt and product box enough to prove ownership? Why not make the process easier so that cellular phone snatchers can be punished?"



DINING room and kitchen of Uy's condo after the fire

Ruined wedding photos/ VCDs

Romina Austria of Sobriedad Street, Sampaloc, Manila, wrote: "My friend Eloisa in London decided to hire the services of a well-known photography studio when she got married last December in Manila. Owing to the 40-year experience of this studio, Eloisa and her husband trusted it to capture the wedding in photos and video. The agreement was that the photo album would be ready for pick up after five days to one week after we returned the contact prints. The rest—video, portrait photo and reprints—would be finished on time.

"It was a fiasco from start to finish. The studio crew arrived 30 minutes late for the wedding. The album was finished two months after the wedding. The VCDs were of very poor quality.

"That wasn't all there was to it. We had to wait more than one hour to get the VCDs. We also waited two hours before we got the album sans the bonus portrait photo and reprinted copies. When we finally got the portrait, it lacked the scratch-proof cover and we were told to go back to the studio again. When I complained later, the person on the other line told me I shouldn't be so upset, the portrait was a freebie anyway!"

DOTC complaints hotline

From Neil G. Manalo, director, DOTC-Isles/Action Center: "We would like to clarify that the DOTC hotline for public complaints, queries and requests for assistance is 7890 (dial 7-8-9-0).

"Case complaints such as reports on abusive drivers are within the administrative jurisdiction and competence of the DOTC attached agency. Our action officers coordinate with their counterparts at the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board to facilitate the appropriate and expeditious action on complaints."

China Bank fees

In our last column, we erroneously printed P200, instead of P20, the fee charged by China Banking Corp. (CBC) for issuance of deposit clearance certification. We stand corrected.

Miya Lagdameo-Sy, senior manager, marketing services department of CBC, wrote: "Please be informed that China Banking Corp. is charging P20 only for an official bank certificate of deposit, and not P200 as printed in your column. Should you have any question, please call 885-5602/5102."

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Virgen de los Remedios awaits pilgrims in her shrine in Pampanga

PURELY PERSONAL

Josephine Darang

WHEN the Virgin Mary "calls" for you to visit her shrine, she uses instruments to bring you there. This is what happened to me on May 16, when Josephine Flores Miranda from Mexico town brought me to the shrine of the miraculous Virgen de los Remedios in Barangay Baliti, San Fernando, Pampanga.

I met Ms Miranda during the Sto. Bambino fiesta at the Filipinas Paradise Complex in Naic, Cavite, through a friend there. Tita Josie, who owns a canteen at the CEU, catered the fiesta, preparing 1,500 packed lunches for devotees and buffet for other guests.

I have been hearing about the miraculous image, but it was the first time I saw her on that morning of May 16 and to find out that it was her feast on May 18.

VIRGEN delos Remedios, patroness of Pampanga

The moment I entered the church, I could feel goose pimples on my arms and neck. This lasted for 20 minutes while we were talking to Fr. Marcelino Miranda, the parish priest.

Father Mar brought us to the museum where the vestments and jewelry of the Virgin were displayed. There were also "Christianity on Stamps" of the Philippines and foreign countries, plus a photo collection of the Virgin through the years, displayed there.

Here we met Ernesto Henson, 88, who told us stories of miracles of healing during his younger days. Apparently, when one was seriously ill, the image of the Virgin would be brought to the sick person and he or she would be well again.

Mang Ernesto's wife Elisa did the flower arrangements during fiestas. Their daughter Ester Henson-Agapito also helps.

Rebecca Dayrit, pastoral council president, shared in the miracles of the Virgin. It seems that she would leave her altar and go around visiting her children. She would be found with *amorseco* clinging to her dress in the mornings.

Visits to Pampanga parishes

The miraculous image was brought to the parishes in Pampanga starting with Masantol on May 1, 1952, in a crusade initiated by then Bishop Cesar Ma. Guerrero to unite the peace-loving people of the province. Numerous favors and graces were later attributed to her parochial visits. The original image was returned to her home in Baliti, while a second bigger image was made. This was canonically crowned on Sept. 8, 1957, and declared "patroness of Pampanga."

Virgin awaiting pilgrims

The Virgen de los Remedios (or Virgin of Remedies) is now permanently enshrined in her church named after her in Barangay Baliti, which you can reach by turning right at the junction of San Fernando. Drive down seven more kilometers passing by Partyland Restaurant of Alice Tiongson-Castro, who is a devotee of the Virgin.

Now she waits for pilgrims to come and visit her. She's not very far. For prayer *estampita*, you can write to me. Father Mar is currently translating the prayer from Kapampangan to English.

For testimonies of miracles, please send them to Fr. Marcelino Miranda, Virgin de los Remedios Parish, Baliti, San Fernando, Pampanga.

The testimonies will be collated and sent to the CBCP with a request for the approval of the church becoming the National Shrine of Virgen de los Remedios.

Sto. Niño book at National Bookstore

The coffee-table book "Sto. Niño: Holy Child Devotion in the Philippines," is now available at National Bookstore. Published by Congregacion del Santissimo Nombre del Niño Jesus and Ben Farrales, the book is written by Abe Florendo and Dez Bautista.

Birthday with elderly nuns

Congregacion president Jing Chua celebrated his birthday with the elderly nuns at Siena College. His celebration coincided with the novena to the Sto. Niño in the convent.

To entertain the nuns, Jing's brother Rheez Chua invited sopranos Honey Girl Gutierrez and Marcia Lopez. Rheez also sang with accompaniment by Velvet String Quartet.

To give support to good priests, try to wear blue and white on May 26, or at least wear blue and white ribbons on your lapel. The church will prevail even if priests are attacked. Jesus said "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (meaning His church).

Devotion to Sta. Rita de Cascia

Because of my friend Oskar Peralta, I've developed a devotion to Sta. Rita de Cascia, saint of the impossible. Somehow, I am at San Agustin Church every May 22 to attend Mass and the provision with the *carroza* decorated with red roses by Oskar Peralta.

The pilgrims of Catholic Travel will also go to Cascia to visit Sta. Rita there during their trip on June 14. They will also go to Rome for the canonization of Padre Pio and visit Marian shrines. Those interested can call Elenita Grande at 631-9571 or (0918) 729-4610.

Teacher conceives after miscarriages

Estelita Toledo, a music teacher at St. Scholastica's College, always suffered miscarriages during her pregnancies. A friend advised her to pray to Padre Pio. That was in 1985. After two years, she was able to conceive and give birth to a healthy baby. Today she has three children, all because of her devotion to Blessed Padre Pio.

Those who wish to go to Rome for the canonization can call World's Wonders at 726-6162 or 718-3253.

Venture for fund-raising

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tutoring street kids to planting trees to fire fighting and to editing iVolunteer's own website. Aside from volunteer matching, iVolunteer also provides its registered members with an e-mail newsletter.

What makes this portal attractive is its user-friendly interface. Aside from the hassle-free registration process, users can search for VOpps by type, organization, location, tasks or skills. Posted VOpps include important information, such as the program's name and host organization, its task requirements and contact information. Each VOpp also includes a list of volunteers who have signed up through the portal.

What you can do: Register and sign up for the VOpp of your choice!

www.newfilipinacom: Promoting Filipina identity and consciousness around the globe

Newfilipina.com, otherwise known as Bagong Pinay, was borne out of its creators' desire to promote a positive identity of Filipinas on and through the Web. It all began when a Filipina website designer in the US searched the Web for websites for Filipina women and came up with: "1) Filipina mail-order bride sites; 2) pen-pal service sites; 3) personal webpages of Filipino women looking for men-friends; and 4) porn sites." She then sought the help of Filipino friends from around the US and Philippines, who eagerly brought the site to life. Four years later, the site now contains forums, art and poetry pieces, feature articles on Filipina achievers, discussions on sociopolitical issues affecting Filipino women, tips for work and home, features on Filipino books and literary pieces, quotes and Filipina perspectives from around the globe.

Although Newfilipina.com does not offer anything out of this world, it is interesting because of its mission and content. Through the site, Filipinas from all over the world have a virtual home to connect with fellow Filipinas and are empowered to think, feel and act beyond the long-standing and derogatory concept of Filipinas as domestic helpers, mail-order brides or prostitutes.

What you can do: Engage in discussions, contribute articles participate in volunteer and networking activities. You can also log on to www.newfilipina.org, the website of Newfilipina.com's creators, to find out about more volunteer opportunities.

www.hangin.org: Your guide to Philippine clean air initiatives

Hangin.org was initially created to be the Partnership for Clean Air's medium for consulting the public on the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act 8749, otherwise known as the Clean Air Act. Since the signing of the IRR last November, however, the website has expanded its role to be a resource center for information about the Clean Air Act, air pollution, health facts, air quality projects and other pertinent information. Managed by the Partnership for Clean Air and the Asian Development Bank, Hangin.org won as Best Law Website in last year's Philippine Web Awards.

The website makes an excellent advocacy tool because it goes beyond the Clean Air Act, and provides the public with up-to-date, complete and relevant information about air pollution, and the government, private and nonprofit sector's initiatives to combat it. Although some portions are inevitably written in legalese, most sections are reader-friendly and packed with useful information and statistics. A plus point: the website contains a reader-friendly status of the implementation of the Clean Air Act. Talk about transparency!

What you can do: Engage in discussions, consult with online lawyers about the Clean Air Act, equip yourself with useful (and life-saving) information and tell more friends about the site. Better yet, sign up as a member of the Partnership for Clean Air!

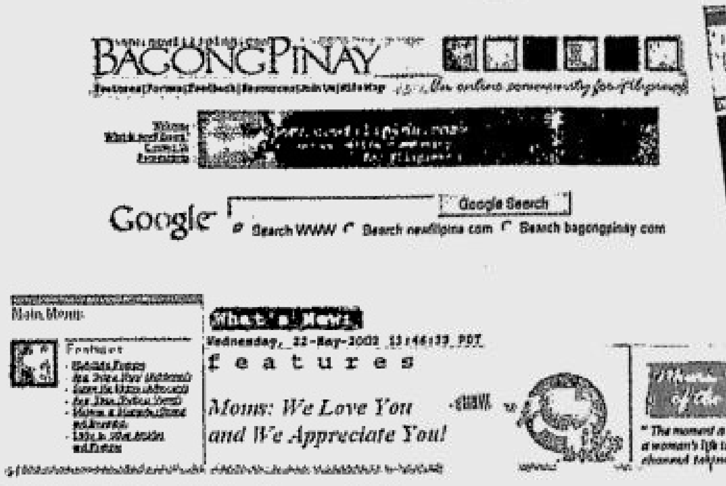
www.haribon.org.ph: Ensuring that future generations will still have natural resources and healthy ecosystems without sacrificing the needs of the present

Haribon.org is the online resource center of Haribon Foundation for the Conservation of Natural Resources (Haribon Foundation), a nonprofit, nonstock and nongovernment organization originally founded as a bird-watching group in 1972. Now a full-fledged nature conservation and scientific research organization, Haribon educates the public on issues regarding our environment and empowers local communities to help in conserving Philippine biodiversity. As the organization's online resource center, Haribon.org provides comprehensive information on the state of our terrestrial (land and air) and marine (seas and oceans) ecosystems, and its projects to conserve these.

Haribon.org is another excellent advocacy website because of the breadth and depth of its content—not to mention its breathtaking pictures. It not only contains useful information about the organization and our environment, but also provides the public with tangible means and channels for helping out. It invites students and professionals alike to be part of its membership programs, and offers tangible benefits such as a membership card, information pack, Haring Ibon Magazine subscription, discounts on outdoor expeditions and summer camps, and others.

The website also clearly explains to its donors and members what their donations can buy. For example, a donation of P2,000 buys reference materials for research, while a donation of P30,000 buys pump boats and search lights for the night patrol of Marine Protected Areas, lighting equipment for the night patrol of protected forests and sanctuaries, scuba diving training for community leaders, their teams and successors for reef monitoring, or time and skills for the training of community leaders on Marine Protected Area Management.

What you can do: Read about our terrestrial and marine ecosystems, be a youth or full member or donate to save the environment.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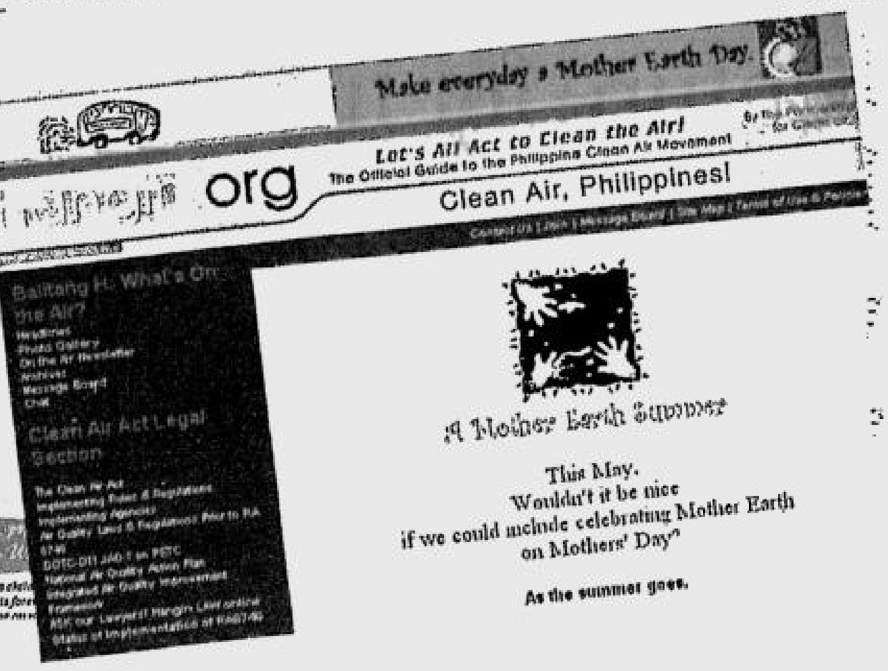
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ARE you passionate about life, active at work and in your community, and raring to make a difference? Do you belong to the Internet generation, or use the Net to gather information and communicate to others? Or are you just plain bored of the usual search engines and how-to sites and want to make more use of your Internet time? If you're either (or all!) of these, read on, because here are five interesting websites-with-a-cause that will make Internet surfing worth your while.

www.pinoy-rin.net: Promoting unity in diversity, exchange and action

Pinoy-rin.net is a Web community of Filipinos worldwide that aims to eliminate regionalism and factionalism through meaningful dialogue and discourse on social and political issues, and everything else Filipino. With a tagline that says, "Everyone who is Filipino is Pinoy-rin," the website connects Filipinos from around the globe by providing news, feature articles, op-eds, legal advice, forums, a picture gallery of recent activities and even a space for posting prose and poetry pieces. Likewise, the forum discussions cover a wide range of topics, such as kidnapping in the Philippines, volunteer opportunities, language, Philippine economy, and love, sex and marriage.

What makes this site interesting is that it offers Filipinos a venue for intelligent discourse without appearing too academic and bourgeois. The articles are well thought-out and intelligently written, and come from both young (read: 13-year-olds) and veteran writers alike. Moreover, Pinoy-rin.net contains feature articles on outstanding volunteers and volunteer projects to encourage Pinoys to make a stand and take action.

What you can do: Engage in discussions, contribute articles or participate in volunteer activities.

www.ivolunteer.ph: Fostering the power of volunteerism

iVolunteer.ph, a Pinoy-rin.net creation, is the Philippines' first volunteer portal. Unofficially launched in September 2001, the site offers individuals a wide range of volunteer opportunities (VOpps) from NGOs and government agencies, and allows them to sign up for these in the convenience of their own homes. It currently lists over a hundred volunteer opportunities ranging from

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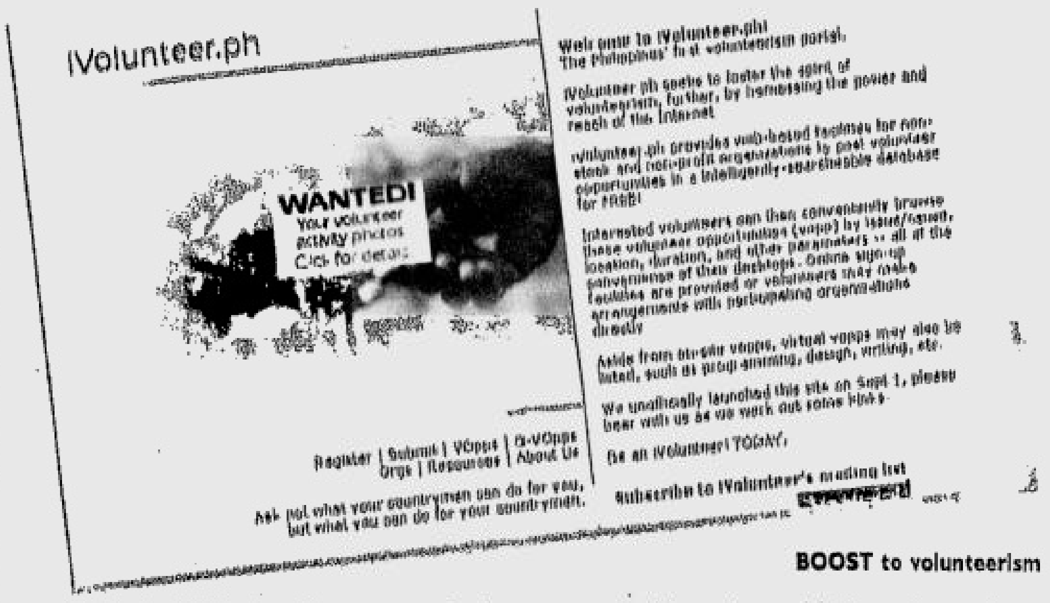
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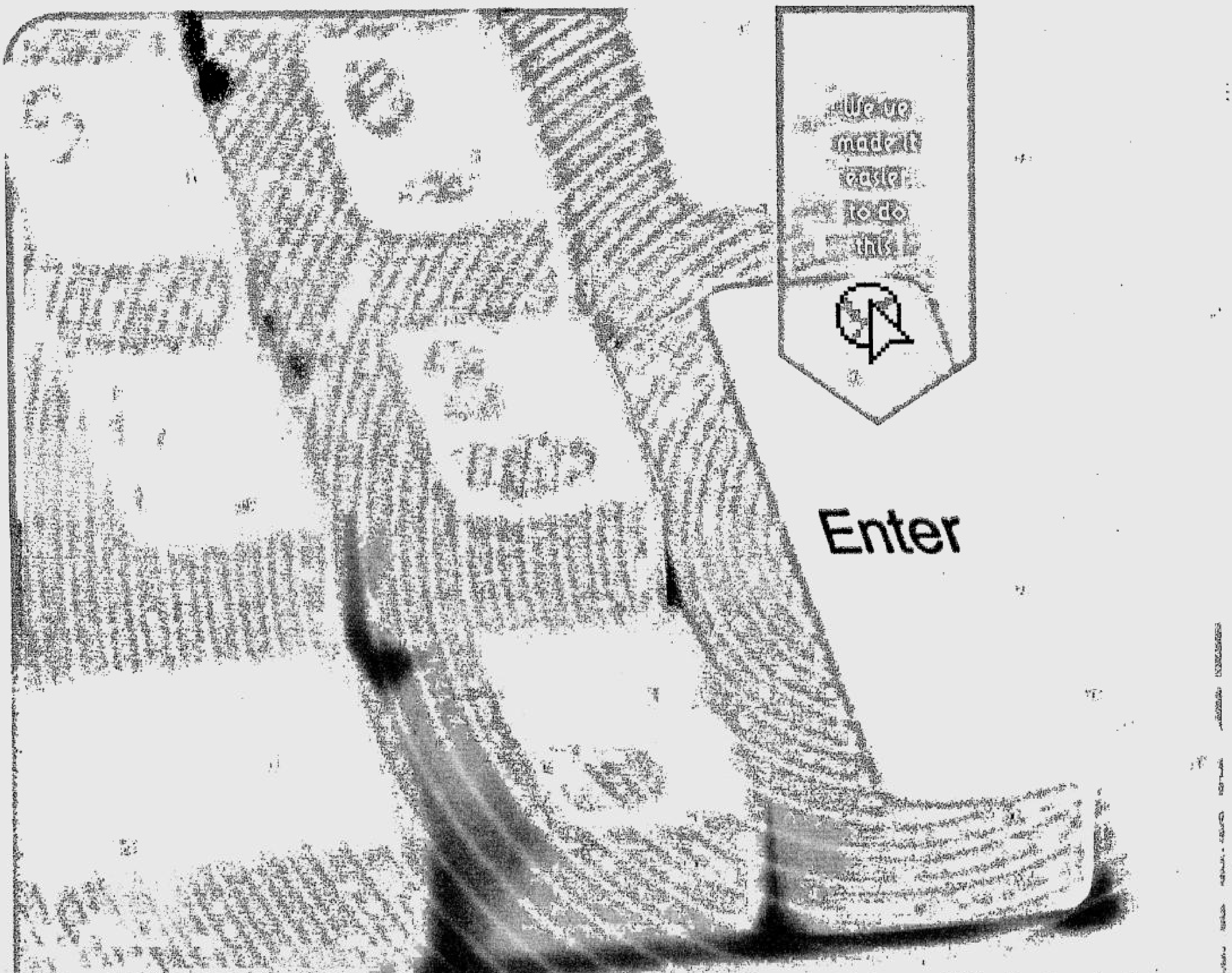

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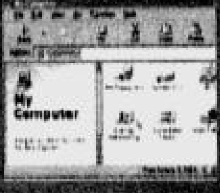

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3. Type "PLDT Vibe" on space provided. Select the right modem you are using and click "Next".

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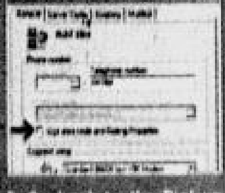

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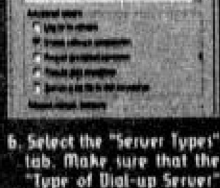

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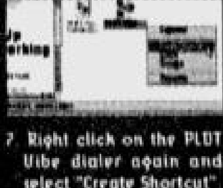

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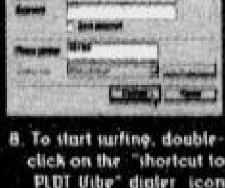

8. To start surfing, double-click on the "shortcut to PLDT Vibe" dialer icon on your Desktop. Then enter "pldt" on the username field and "vibe" on the password field on the dialer then click on the "connect" button.

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Sunday LIFESTYLE

AGAWAN Festival, literally!

THE EVE of the most awaited Agawan Festival when townsfolk decorate their houses with crops they harvested during the year

The town of saintly looters

By Kelly Gelvezon, Analiza Malvar and Robi Mercene
Contributors
Photos by Jim Guiao Punzalan

THE BEST things in life are free, as the cliché goes. In Sariaya's Agawan Festival, where everyone is blessed with the miracle of generosity, the trite saying has been vindicated anew.

Sariaya, a centuries-old town in Quezon, celebrates the feast day of San Isidro Labrador every year with a commitment to revive its cultural, historical and spiritual heritage. As a longtime advocate of Sariaya's rich culture and history, Fr. Raul Enriquez spearheaded the much-awaited mid-May festival. Living in a town of utmost simplicity, the Sariayahins could still afford a grand affair.

More than a showcase of bounty, the Agawan is a thanksgiving festivity in which Sariayahins heartily give away their best harvest and produce pro bono.

"What distinguishes the Agawan from other festivities is that, here, everything is up for grabs… You can call it 'saintly loot,'" says Father Enriquez, in subtle contrast to Lucban's Pahiyas Festival.

Generous town

The 250-year-old St. Francis of Assisi Church, sheltering the image of Cristo de Burgos, is one of the town's most precious landmarks. In front of it stands the deep-rooted acacia tree that has witnessed the passing of the town's history. Sadly, part of the tree collapsed from a storm last year.

According to Father Enriquez, the image of the Holy Family carved from the fallen branch of the acacia signifies that the Sariayahins are lovers of history. This is also manifested in the support and increasing involvement of the people in the Agawan in recent years.

The Sariaya Quadricentennial Foundation, with its California extension, the municipal government, and the Sariayahins joined hands in order to organize the weeklong activities. Youth volunteers and elderly residents served as the festivity's footing, as they manned the accommodation of guests and of all the activities. Munificence was felt in the atmosphere. The Alvarez residence, tagged as the Pinakalumang Bahay sa Sariaya and set to turn 300 in 2003, was offered to shelter the Sariaya Museum.

After the festival's opening on May 11, several activities were held to tap the body, mind and spirit of the revelers. These games were played for the love of fun and of the Sariayahins' religious icon.

On the day before the highlighted event, a display of wit, charm and beautiful bodies was captured in the Bikini Open. Later that evening, modern music resounded in every corner of the town during the Battle of the Bands.

May 15 not only marked the feast of San Isidro Labrador, but also Farmer's Day as declared by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines.

An exotic display of men, women and children in their alternative clothings marched around town early that morning. The sight was overwhelming. The MTB, or Mga Taong Bagakay, who starred in the parade, personified Sariaya's produce and delicacies hung on bamboo poles. Mainly children and teenagers,

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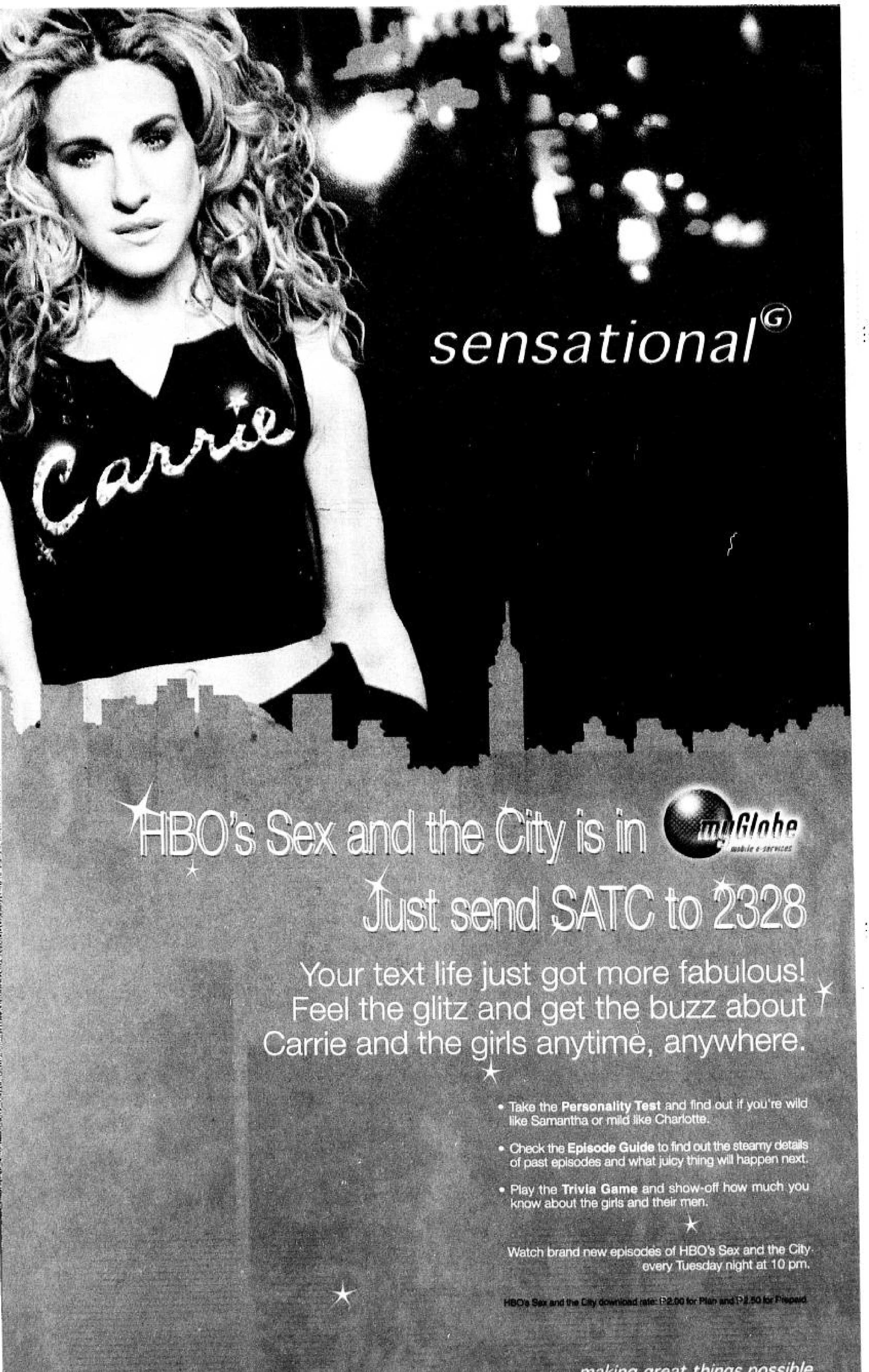
CHILDREN adorned with vegetables as MTBs



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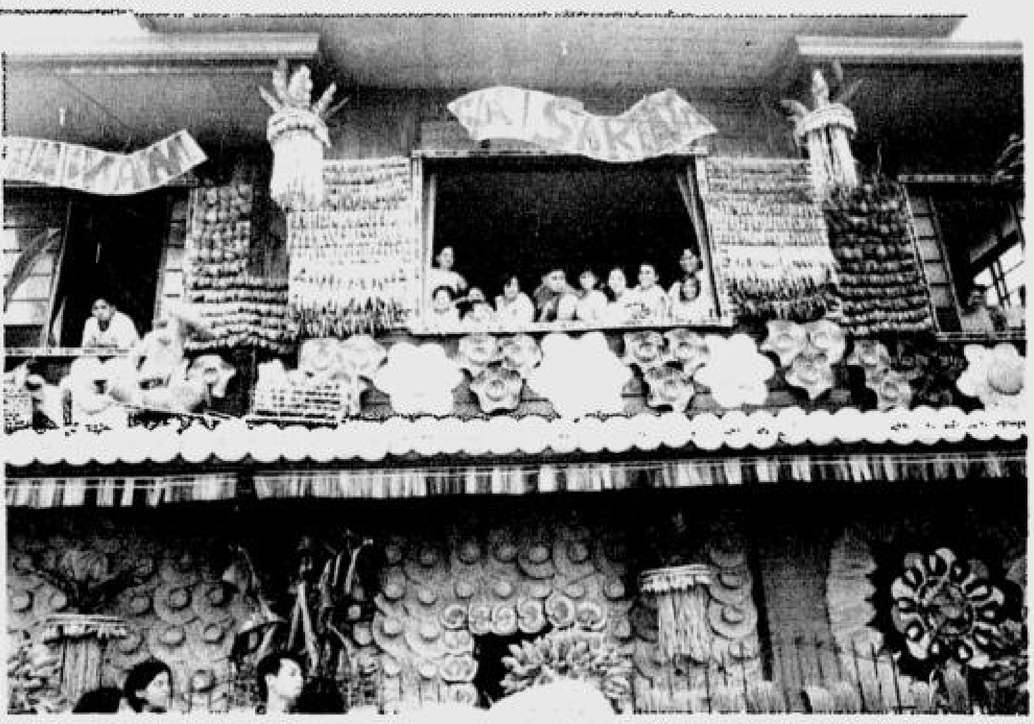
THE ALTAR of the centuries-old St. Francis of Assisi Church, which has sheltered the Crucifix of Burgos, also known as Sariaya's Cristo de Burgos, since 1743.



ANOTHER fully decorated house awaits the passing of Sariaya's most favored religious icon.

The town of saintly looters

In Sariaya's Agawan feast, townsfolk spruce up their homes with colorful decorations only to see them snatched by foraging revelers. What God giveth He taketh away

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the revelers danced and walked on the town plaza as giant vegetables with an animal's carefree spirit.

One of the many highlights of the fiesta was the Palarong Pinoy, which featured games like *tayakaran* (bamboo stilts), *timba-o* (coco-shell foot race), *palaparagus* (coco-leaf ride), *agawan sa sapin* (grab the slippers), *agawan sa buko* (grab the coconut) and *tunggaan ng lambanog* (coco-wine drinking). Unfortunately, the *agawan sa biik* (grab the piglet) didn't push through because the piglet was nowhere to be found; it had been reportedly "grabbed" even before the games.

'Spectacular spectacle'

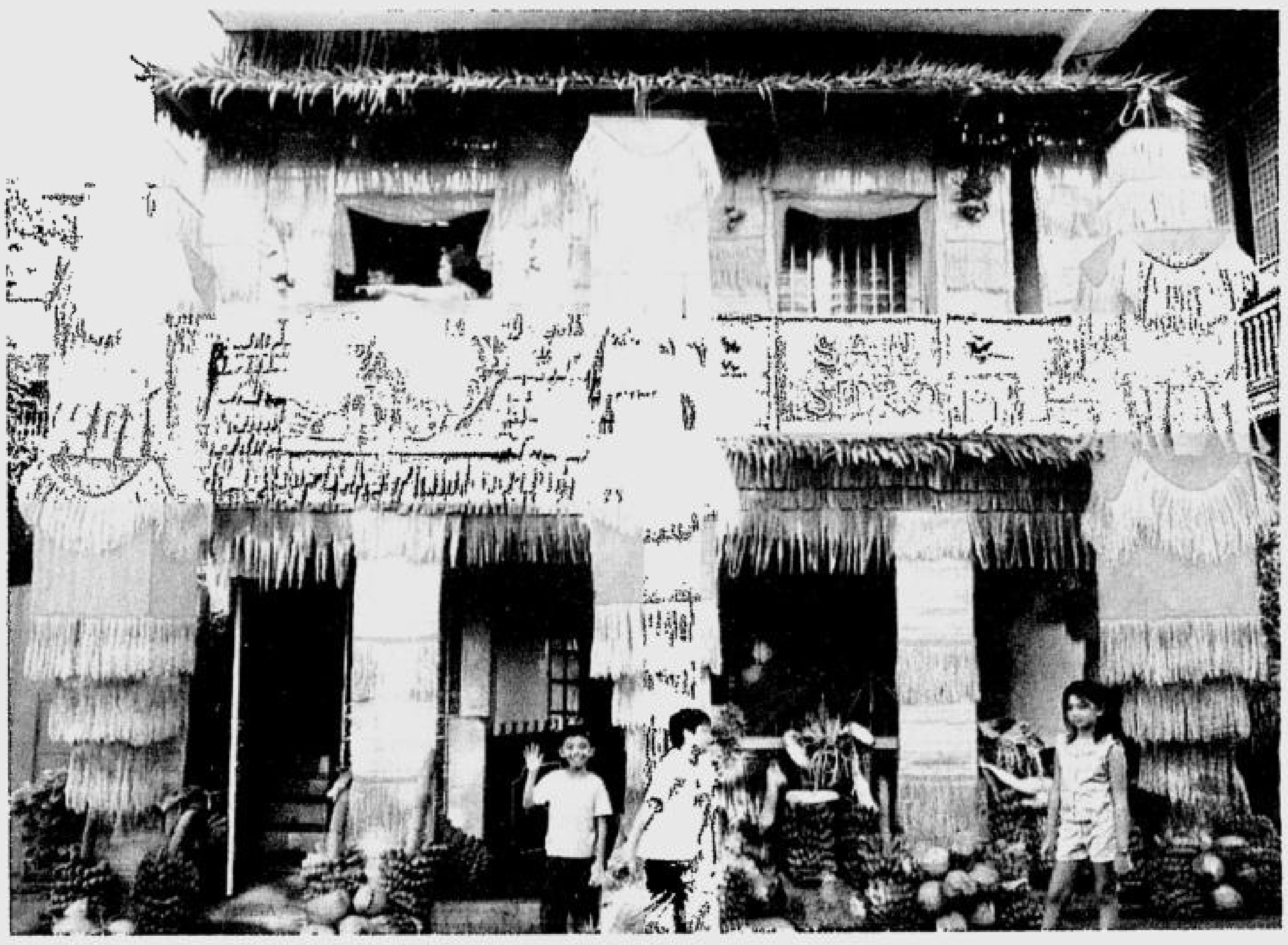
Father Enriquez, the town's parish priest, described the event as a "spectacular spectacle." Homes were garnished with crops cultivated in the land—from coconuts, bananas, jackfruits, pineapples, mangoes, to a variety of vegetables. These were hung on walls and laid on rooftops.

What made the sight more colorful and appealing were dyed *buri* fans, hats, *kiping*, coconut blossoms (*bagaybays*), *walis tingting* and other native goods, which were creatively fixed together. Others cut down *saba*-bearing banana plants and mounted them on their gates and fences.

Customarily, the Sariayahins start decorating their houses on May 14. Residents cram to fill up uncovered spaces during the night; and do the finishing touches early the next day before judges could pass by to choose the most picturesque house.

Goodies such as candies, junkfoods, sandwiches and biscuits were fastened on poles of a species of bamboo called *bagakay*. Similarly, items like *tabo*, small *timba*, even paper bags with stationery tools were tied to the *bagakay*, as well as other handicrafts like small *bayongs*, *buri* fans and *bao* spoons. The *pabitin* was untouched by the crowd until the effigy of San Isidro Labrador passed by.

Before the icon passed by, the people were busy, hammering here and there, binding this and that—truly a sight to behold. All members of the family contributed to the festivity, whether checking the symmetry of the decorations, tying the *pabitin*, or attaching the banana trees on the walls.



A FULLY trimmed house waiting for the judges

'Saintly banditry'

As soon as San Isidro passed by, the people at the tail of the procession—people with sacks and bags, local tourists and neighbors—grabbed all they could. The decorations were snatched with consent, as homeowners showered the crowd with coins, *pastillas*, fans and native hats.

Some made good use of their loot. Farmers took their sanctified pickings home to be used as fertilizers to ensure a good harvest, as set by tradition and faith.

"They (Sariayahins) gear up their houses, only to let their handiwork be ruined in the end," said Father Enriquez. He added that, crazy as it might seem, the point of it all was expressing thanks to God through charity.

The festival was a set of contradictions. The mood was orderly disorder. Its real meaning could not be realized unless one dived into the pool of frenzy. From a benevolent intention would ensue something malevolent to be transformed back to benevolence. That's how Agawan festival should be.

FR. Raul Enriquez officiates a prayer in celebration of the launch of the Alvarez residence as the Pinakalumang Bahay sa Sariaya. The house turns 300 in 2003.

AGAWAN sa sapin, one of the many games featured in the Palaro ng Lahing Pinoy

TAYAKARAN, another game featured in the Palaro

BAYLE sa Kalye featuring MTBs (Mga Taong Bagakay)

AT THE CEBU Plaza Hotel's Santacruzan, Myra Gonzalez Osmeña with daughter Bea Losada, who is vacationing from Spain, and Bea's fiancé, Francisco Garcia

Cebu designers dress . . .

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Philippine Air Lines drew the lucky numbers, giving Rick Puno a round-trip ticket to Bangkok; and Felix Yu, a round-trip ticket to Singapore. Merlie Bernad Zamora, wife of Asian Spirit's Bingo Zamora, handed out two round-trip tickets for two to Boracay to Edison Ho and Le Fleur Flower Shop.

Speaking of flower shops, they did a great job as sponsors of the arches used in the Santacruzan. The shops were mobilized by Christine Fadriga of Flowerland. Pinky Chang and Tessie Javier of Pink Flora deserve special mention for the Reina Emperatriz arch. Thanks, too, to Mimi Corrales, Annie Floresta, Alex, Flower Café, Olay, Senen's, Miguel, Café Flora, Sol, Eddie Dinapo, Kaye, Fleur de Liz.

Credit should also be given to Plaza Hotel's PR manager Aissa de la Cruz for the months of preparation, food and beverage director Danny del Rosario, executive chef Martin Przewodnik, promo manager Richard Regidor, security chief major Renato Navarro and his wife Bebette, comptroller Ernesto Quimba and his wife, Sharon.

Work has started for next year's Santacruzan sa Plaza, scheduled for May 3, 2003. Who will be the Reina Emperatriz?

It all depends on the consensus of Teresing, Ingrid, and Amparito Lhuillier, the titleholder in 2000. They will make their choice very soon.

REINA Emperatriz Teresing Mendezona

REINA de las Flores Sheila Reyes

CARMEL de Pio Salvador as Reina Elena

Designer pays tribute to children, environment

"AQUATIC/SEA," this year's theme for the Department of Tourism's Flores de Mayo, is interpreted by couturier Eddie Baddeo through a *terno* with the sea's different shades of blue.

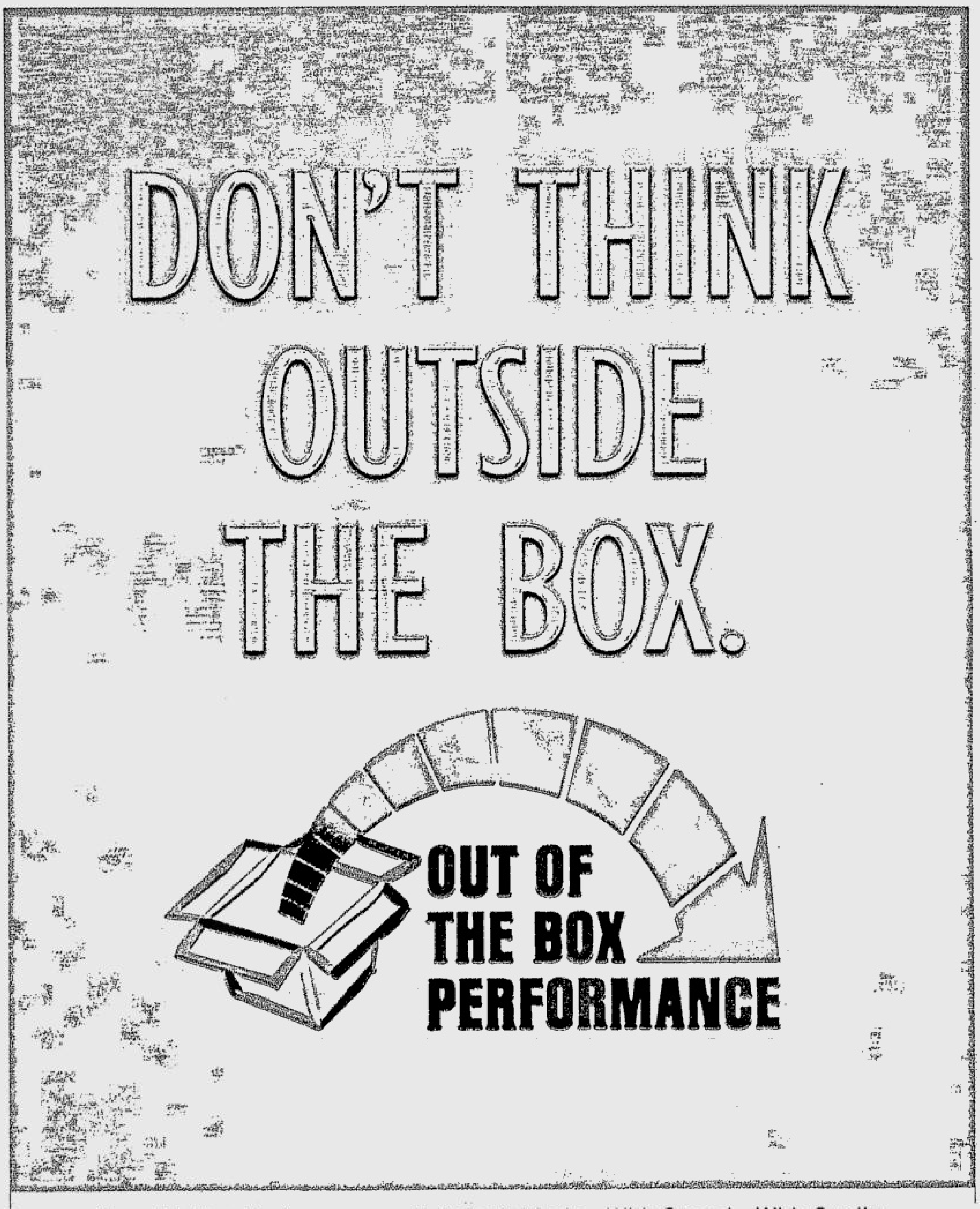
The focal point of the gown is an image of the Blessed Virgin Mary watching over the Infant Jesus lying on an open shell— the designer's tribute to the value of children.

Baddeo said, "We find valuable pearls within shells. In this instance, we see a more priceless treasure, the Christ Child."

The designer added that his design was also a plea for the protection of the environment and a symbol of the wish for world peace.

Baddeo conveys the spiritual aspect of the May celebration via two specially crafted silver replicas of a monstrance, one on each butterfly sleeve.

SAGALA beauty queen Darlene Carbungco and her escort, Herbert Medina, are both wearing Eddie Baddeo creations. Hair and make-up are by Eric Maningat and bouquet by Tony Rodriguez.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Cebu designers dress Santacruzan queens for charity

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FIRECRACKERS popped, bugles blared, drums rolled, colorful buntings flapped in the breeze, and the fragrance of fresh flowers wafted all over the spacious grounds of Cebu Plaza Hotel.

It was the first Saturday of May, and crowds cheered 32 beauties who paraded beneath bloom-laden arches for the third annual Santacruzan sa Plaza.

The project, which started as a promo event for the hotel, has become a fund-raiser for Clothes for Life Foundation, to which every prominent designer in Cebu belongs. Their apostolate is one of the greatest works of mercy—to clothe the naked. This year, Albert Arriba presided over the project, while immediate past president Philip Rodriguez was the event's overall chair.

Teresing Mendezona, in a fuchsia sheath by Philip, was Reina Emperatriz. Carmel de Pio Salvador, in white by Minnie Yuvienco, was the Reina Elena. She was escorted by Zack Ampalayo as Emperador Constantino. Much applauded was Reina de las Flores Sheila Reyes, daughter of Col. Bayani and Virgie Reyes, who wore a masterpiece by Felix Yu.

The procession followed a solemn Mass in the Lantaw poolside officiated by Fr. Alfie Africa. It went up to the high-rise building where guests filled the lobby.

White-draped tables were set up in front of a huge stage with thrones for all the participants. Each personage in the Santacruzan was formally introduced and came down the grand staircase, which was decorated with white flowers, garlands of greenery, and tulle.

Aside from Teresing, Carmel, Zack and Sheila, other *sagalas* and the designers who made their gowns were:

Reina Banderada, Lady Basubas-Jun Escario; Reina Abogada, Karla Bautista-Jude Elardo; Reina Sentenciada, Maria Elena Gabaya-Wendell Quisido; Reina Justicia, Girlie Gabrille-William Manahan; Reina Libertad, Christine Tan-Philip Rodriguez; Reina Fe, Allura Tiu-Arcy Gayatin; Reina Caridad, Cindy Locsin-Ditas Rodriguez; Reina Esperanza, Christina Sy-Dexter Alazas; Reina de la Nieve, Angie Martinez-Elmer Olmoguez; Reina de los Corazones, Katsy Borromeo-Joy Bernaldez.

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Flowers for Emperatriz

Reina Emperatriz of Santacruzan 2001 Ingrid Sala Santamaria presented a bouquet to her successor Teresing. Ingrid also received a bouquet of roses from the hotel's general manager Randy Barno.

Everyone stood up as the statue of the Virgin Mary was brought into the hall for the Flores de Mayo ritual performed by more than 30 little girls all dressed in white, frothy wings on their backs, and bearing white flowers to toss at the image.

Val Sandiego and his dance company, dressed in colorful elaborate costumes, entertained the audience with several Philippine dances. Chad Borja, Cebuano balladeer par excellence, serenaded the beauties. Dinner was a fantastic buffet. The salads alone were enough to rave about. Desserts were all native delicacies.

There was a raffle, too. Cesar Dapo of

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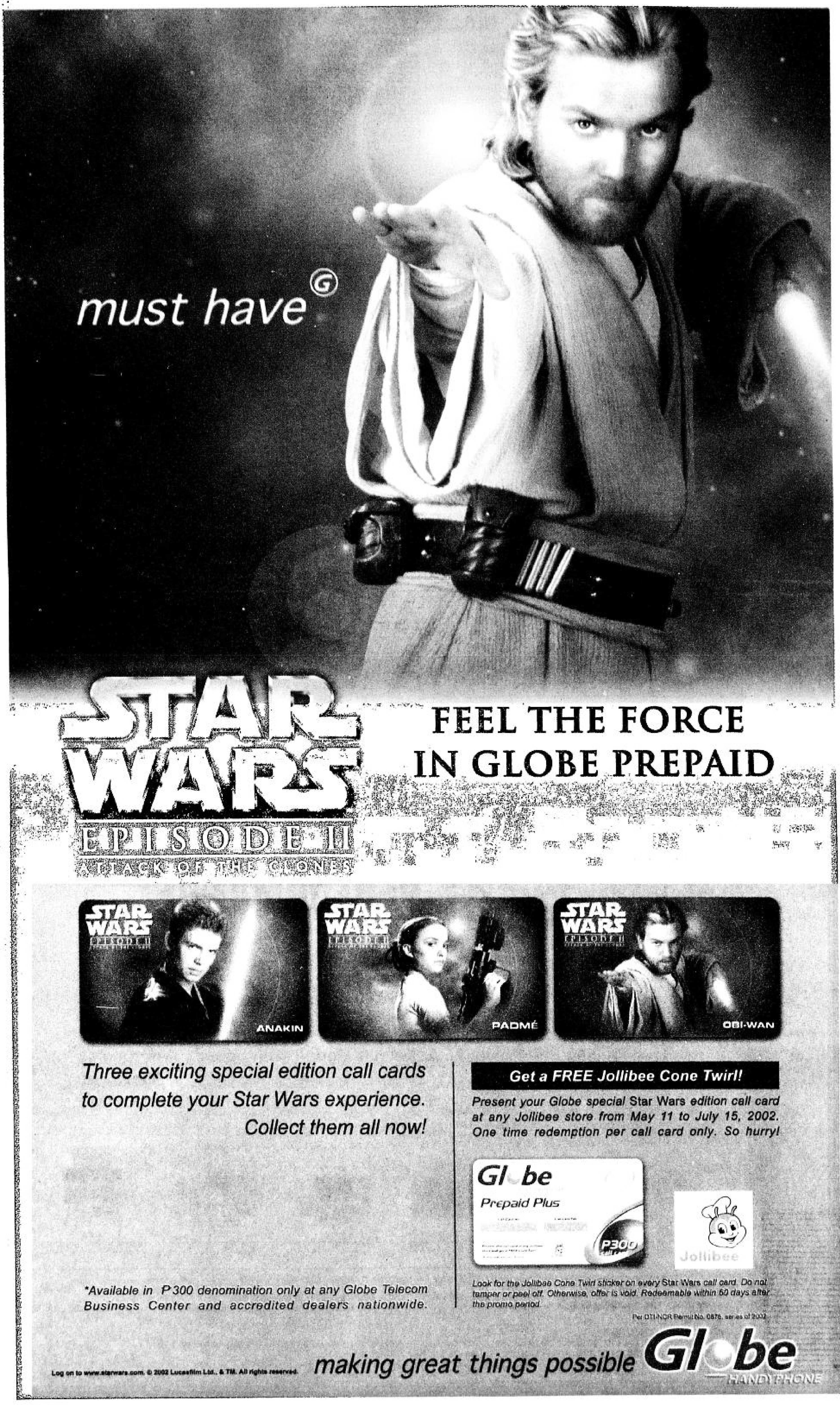
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Sunday LIFESTYLE

Liza Minnelli's waxworks wedding, JFK Jr. remembered, and blind items

T'NT TRENDS & TRENDINGS

Anton San Diego

MUST-HAVE desserts—macaroons. There are probably three things you must do when visiting Paris: see the Eiffel Tower, visit the Louvre and try the macaroons at Laduree in Rue Royale.

They are petit fours (small meals) that look like small cake mixtures of egg white, almond powder and sugar that are bound together by ganache or buttery cream filling.

What do they taste like? Have you ever tasted something close to heaven before? Then this is a close second. Once you sink your teeth into the crisp but chewy exterior and the moist and flavorful interior, you will feel something akin to catatonia while your tastebuds go on an overdrive. It's a taste that will stay with you and haunt you time and again.

Melissa Lopez first introduced me to these small, tiny delights, and I can't get enough of them; they are that good. She, along with her cousin **Mara Villasor-Oledan**, studied making them in Paris. They sell them at Cibo of chef extaordinaire **Margarita Fores**. They come in different exquisite flavors from café, chocolate, strawberry, citron and mango with macadamia nuts. Don't miss out on these pieces of heavenly delights. Call 842-0908.

Must-have watch—Hermes Cape Cod Double Tour. This is one of the hottest watches in New York and Paris. Designed by **Martin Margiela**, the house designer, it was first seen in ladies fashion show of the 1998 season and has reached fever pitch only now. The Cape Cod watch is available in three sizes: mini, ladies and gents; in steel, 18 K, with or without diamonds and leather.

When I told this to a friend, he said, "I have a difficulty buying a watch from a fashion house and not an established watch-maker," which gave me some thought.

So during the Hermes launch in Bali, I asked **Guillame de Seynes** (managing director and fourth generation of the Hermes clan) this. He answered, "Hermes is not just about fashion—it has luggage, bags, John Lobb shoes and beautiful watches." Well, how can you argue with that? As long as the Hermes watch is selling like hotcakes, wear it!

Hermes watches are available at Emporium Gallery, Rustan's Makati and Hans Brumann.

Must-read book—"American Son: A Portrait of JFK Jr." It has been three years already yet people still have not gotten over the untimely death of **JFK Jr.** and his lovely wife **Carolyn Bessette**. I first came across an excerpt of the book from the May issue of Vanity Fair and was captivated by its honesty.

The book shows the many sides of his personality: how he dealt with the media, politicians, the pressure of living up to the Kennedy myth, and how he would cry when he would have a fight with his wife, and how his face would light up whenever she visited him in his office.

Written by **Richard Blow**, who worked with JFK Jr. at George magazine, the book is a simple and straightforward account of how he was able to come on his own despite the world's, his family's and his own expectations. This book will really tug at your heartstrings.

Blast from the past. Larry King is one of my favorite TV hosts-interviewers, so every time I have the chance, I try to catch him on CNN. Last Thursday he had as guests newlywed **Liza Minnelli** and her (No. 4) husband **David Gest**. They showed clips of her wedding and I literally got scared: The best man was **Michael Jackson** and the maid of honor was **Liz Taylor**. Except for **Marisa Berenson** (who still looked great!), they looked like the cast from "Star Wars: Attack of the Clones."

Other guests included **Diana Ross**, **Lauren Bacall**, **Robert Goulet** and **Joan Collins**. Now don't get me wrong. I respect all these people, but when you see your idols all stretched (think: face-lift) and together, it's not a pretty sight (think: Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum).

Later in the program, **Minnelli** sang three songs, with her finale, one of her signature songs, "Cabaret." This may be mean but I felt sorry for her. She could not reach the notes anymore and she ad-libbed to death. The performance she gave in the movie "Cabaret" (which was excellent) just disintegrated in my mind.

Oh well, no matter what she does, she will be an icon and a legend. Am glad dear **Barbra** did not go Liza's route.

Blind item 101. We have become a nation of blind items. People just can't seem to get enough of these little juicy tidbits. When

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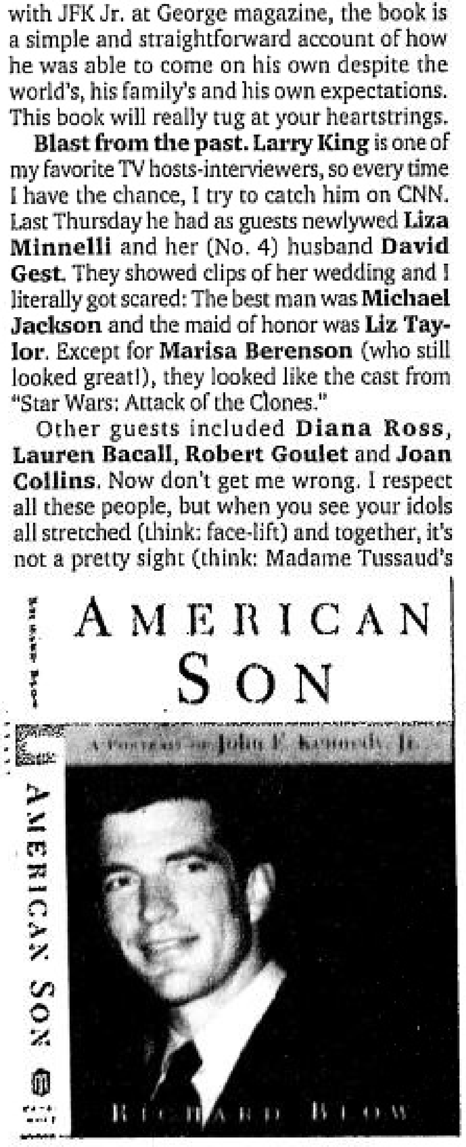
ARE they real? Newlyweds Liza Minnelli and David Gest, with Michael Jackson and Liz Taylor



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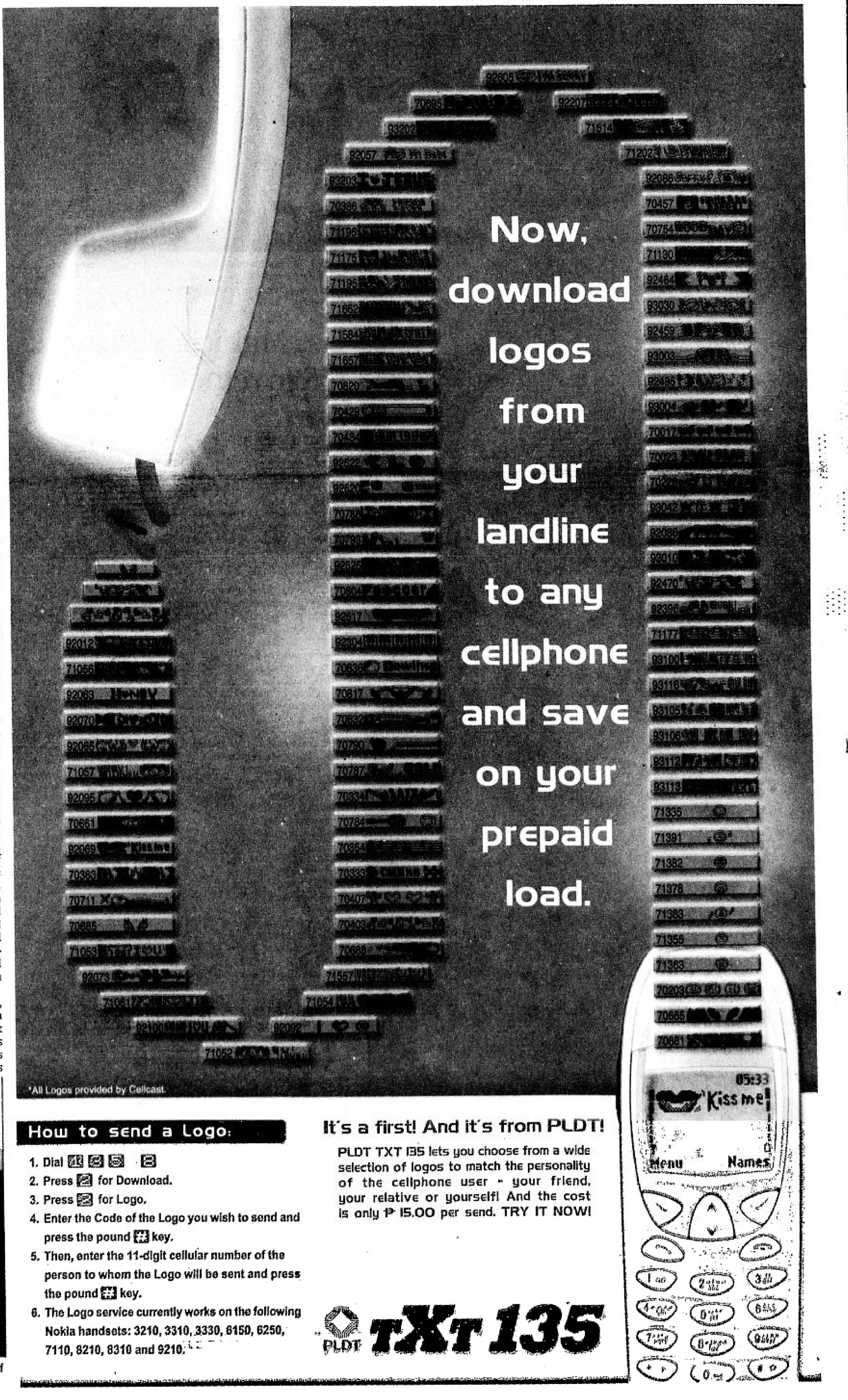

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Red-letter day for jeans people

LEVI'S, the inventor of jeans, recently hosted "Tabbed!: The Levi's Red Tab Party" in Eastwood City Walk, Libis.

More than 50 dancers and models in dressed-up Levi's tops and jeans performed in the show where each music genre was represented by a Levi's Red Tab jeans: bootleg and low-cut for sexy rock, loose for hip hop, relaxed for R&B and straight cut for pop.

Among the performers were Lana Asanin, Epi Quizon and Joey Mead.

The show was organized with Studio 23's MYX, RX 93.1, NU 107, Heineken, Philippine Star, Young Star Magazine, Pepsi, Mystic Grill, and Zed. Other performers were Ana Fegi, Parliament Syndicate, Aia de Leon of Imago, Mark Abaya of Sandwich, Parokya ni Edgar, and The Hotlegs.

TJ Manotoc and Kaz Castillo of MYX hosted. Winners of the Levi's Engineered Groove Dance Contest performed synchronized dance maneuvers.

Show biz personalities like Carlo Muñoz, Aurora Halili, Christian Vasquez, Dimples Romana, Andrea del Rosario, Miko Palanca, Kahlil Kaimo and Kristopher Peralta were among those who attended.

Levi Strauss & Co., one of the world's leading branded apparel companies, sells in more than 80 countries under the Levi's, Dockers and Slates brands.

CHRISTIAN Vasquez, Moony Tuazon, Patty Gutierrez and Carlo Muñoz

SUPER PR man Philip Abadicio with Harrison's Patty Gutierrez and Levi's consumer marketing manager Michelle Borromeo

LEVI'S brand leader Steve Romasanta, ABS-CBN talent Andrea del Rosario, Levi's country manager Minette Elicano

EPI Quizon and Lana Asanin

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From page F1

Waker-uppers (commonly known as "Thumbs-up/thumbs-down") was around, I remember people calling and saying, "Did you read this about so and so?" or asking who I thought the article was referring to.

They would revel in it. But once it was about them, wow, you'd think they had lost money in the stock market, lost their expensive jewelry or World War III just exploded. Which goes to show how sick our society really is.

We love to judge and put people down. We can never be happy for others. You see it every day in politics, in the office, in parties, even in the salon. I once heard this woman say, "Look at that woman wearing a Dolce. I was going to buy the same thing at Wish. *Hindi bagay sa kanya, 'no?*"

Sorry, was digressing. This week TNT will try to attempt to tell you how to react and what to do if you are a victim of a blind item.

First, determine if it's you in the article. I know of a person who got so distraught at a piece only to realize two days later it wasn't her. A friend of hers told her, "Why do you think it's you? Are you *that* popular?" Which is a strict rule of those who write blind items: The person must be well known.

That's why fame is a double-edged sword. As they say: You may reach some form of notoriety but on the other hand, you are fair game. Upon reading it and you know it's you, breathe! Don't take a Valium; breathe! The best thing is to ignore it, which is also the hardest thing to do. When you're nosy friends call and ask you, "*Ikaw ba iyan?*" Deny either that it was you or that you read it.

Although by now you are seething, check out who wrote it. If the writer is credible and the facts are correct, maybe it's time to take stock of yourself and change for the better. Blind items are supposed to highlight an offense done by someone, for example, someone who lied, shouted at a waiter, etc. It's not supposed to attack the person's character or persona.

If the sources are not credible, then just pray for them. Don't go the route of putting a hit on them or sticking pins in that voodoo doll that you've been keeping in your bedside drawer, even if that's the natural course to take. Be a bigger person and know that in the end, everything balances out and God is just. We all get what we deserve.

As someone who has written blind items in this column, personally it is not easy for me to write them because I believe in the principle of sowing and reaping. I have to weigh it very well. I do it if I think it would have a beneficial effect. It would also depend on what the person actually did. But a principle I have learned is, if I can dish it out, then I better be ready to receive it as well.

Lastly, know the principle of news: Today's news are tomorrow's garbage. Think of the **Rico Yan** affair being replaced by the alleged shooting of a nurse by a socialite. Remember, this, too, shall pass. Just try your best to do good at all times so as not to end up as food for the crabs!

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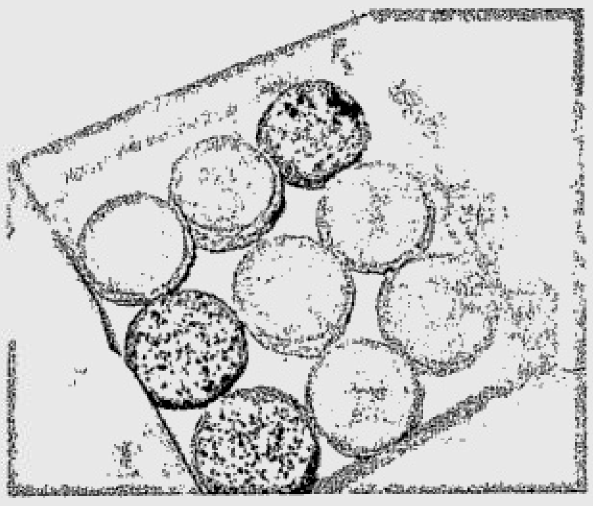

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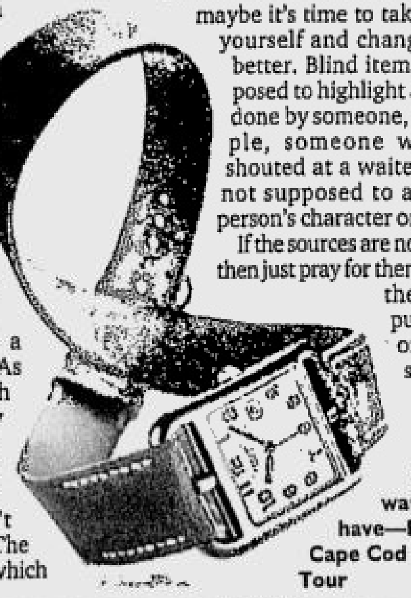

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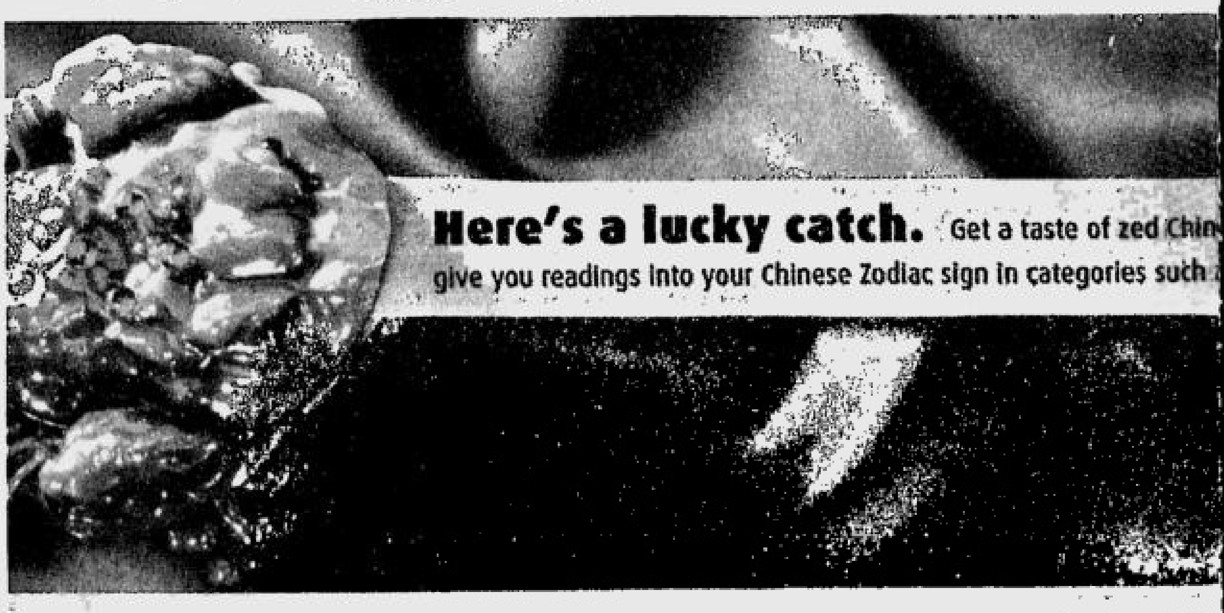
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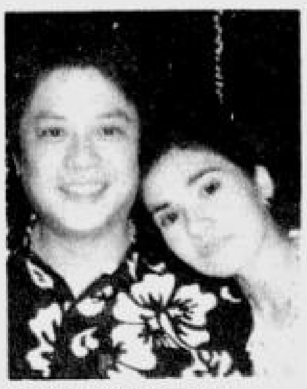

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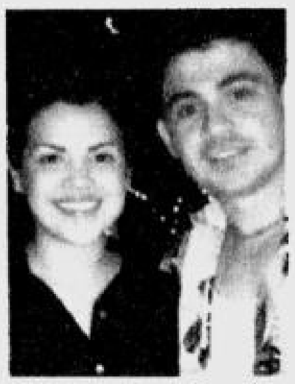

GAYET and Louie Urrutia

CAROL with mom-in-law Baby Arenas

JAVIER and Raquel Gomez with Heny Arellano

MARGARITA Arenas, who plays Gina in the new PLDT ad

Luau in a village

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Raul Teehankee

THE ARENAS garden in Dasmariñas Village was transformed into a luau setting to celebrate real-estate broker Carol Uruttia Arenas' 40-something birthday.

The buffet was authentic Hawaiian complete with roast pig, pineapple ham, lengua esotofada and fruit punch spiked with gin, vodka and rhum.

The guests were all dressed in floral and colorful collections.

URRUTIA sisters Lingling King, Carol, Baby Coching and Naty Chong

MACOY Coching, Romina Diaz and Jon Uruttia

GMA is guest of honor in opening of Pampanga mall

PRESIDENT Arroyo unveils the marker of Robinsons Starmills Pampanga, with JG Summit chair emeritus John Gokongwei Jr.

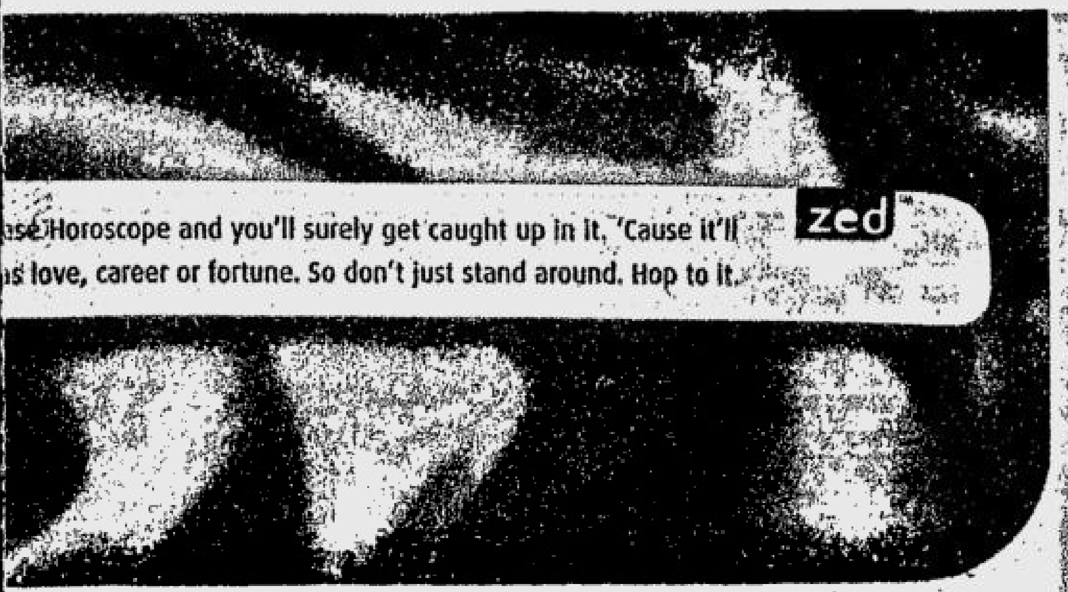
ABBYGALE Arenas, Marian Espino, Antoinette Taus, and Paeng Nepomuceno with Ces Drilon

PRESIDENT Gloria Macapagal Arroyo was guest of honor at the formal inauguration of Robinsons Land Corporation's 10th shopping mall, Robinsons Starmills Pampanga. She was joined by local government officials led by Pampanga Gov. Manuel Lapid, Vice Gov. Miguel Arroyo, Mayor Rey Aquino of San Fernando, Rep. Oscar Rodriguez of the first district, tenants, business partners and the province's local celebrities like World Bowling champion Paeng Nepomuceno, beauty queens Marilen Espino and Abbygale Arenas, and actress Antoinette Taus. Television news personality Ces Orena-Drilon hosted the event.

President Arroyo unveiled a marker during ceremonies attended by JG Summit chair emeritus John Gokongwei Jr., JG chair James L. Go, and JG Summit president and Robinsons Land Corporation president Lance Y. Gokongwei. Robinsons Land Corporation's chief operating officer Frederick D. Go gave an overview on Robinson Starmills, as well as the company's future plans.

The President lit a giant *parol.* A concert followed, featuring Robert Sena, Angelika de la Cruz and Patricia Javier, with special appearances by child stars Serena Dalrymple and EJ Baldinego.

Robinsons Starmills Pampanga provides a complete shopping and leisure experience with the Big R Supercenter, Robinsons Department Store, six state-of-the-art cinemas, The Handyman Hardware Store, a bingo hall, a family amusement center, popular international and local boutiques, numerous food outlets, Abenson's Appliance Center, and various service outlets.



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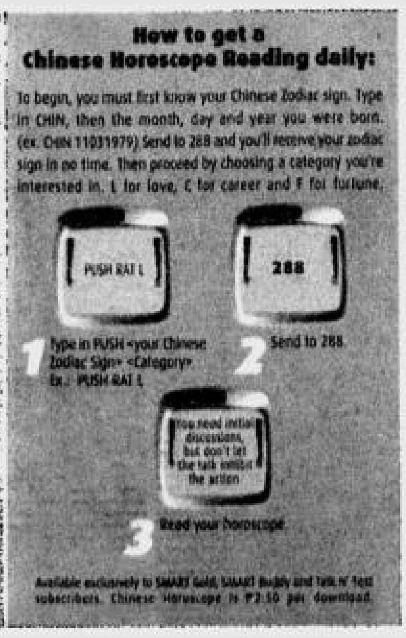

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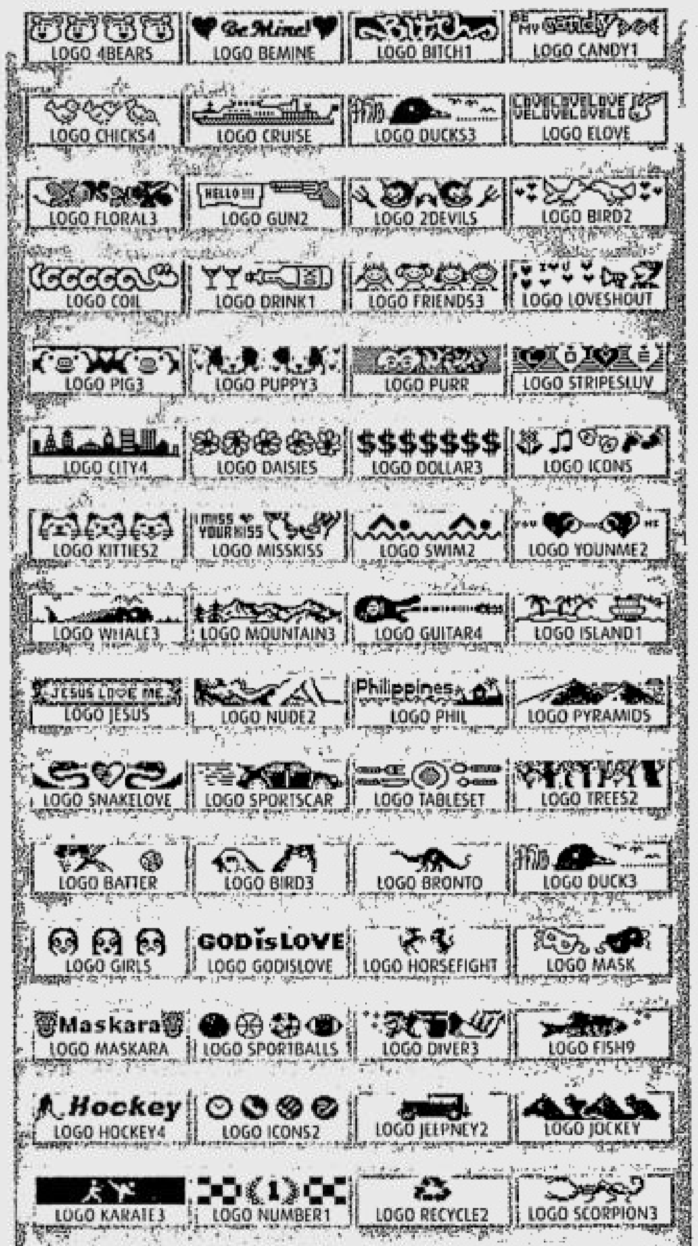

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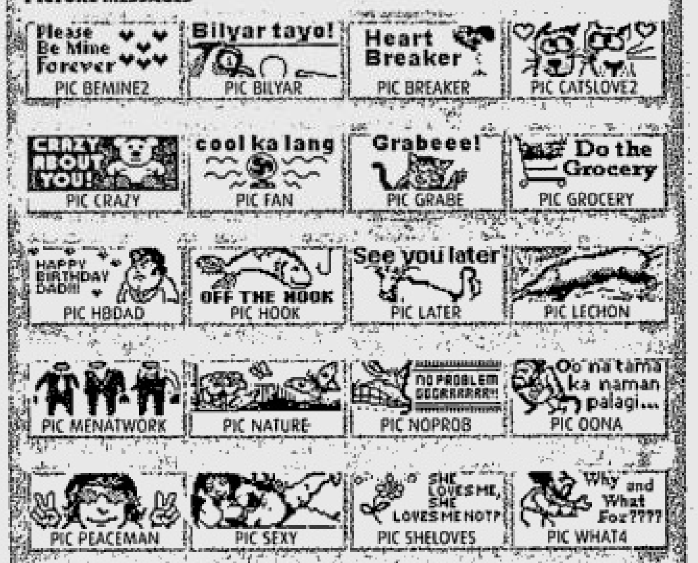

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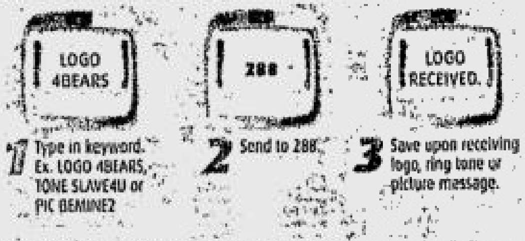

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AIJC has new president and programs

THE BOARD of trustees of the Asian Institute of Journalism and Communication (AIJC) recently appointed Corazon PB. Claudio as the institute's new president. Claudio replaces Florangel Rosario-Braid, who retired as president after leading the institute for more than two decades. Braid will continue to serve as trustee and senior consultant of the institute.

The AIJC, which is based in Manila, is a nonstock, nonprofit graduate school and research and development organization. Its board and faculty consist of leaders in media and information and communication technology (ICT). It offers graduate degree and non-degree courses. It also provides consultancy services to international, government and private organizations. One of its projects is the development of the Communication Centrum, the first such project of Unesco in Asia.

Claudio brings to the AIJC an impressive academic background and a wealth of experience covering environment and energy management; ICT; information, education and communication; and public finance. She holds M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Engineering-Economic Systems from Stanford University; International Management Teachers' Programme Certificate from Harvard University in association with business schools in Europe; and an MBA from the Ateneo de Manila University. Among Claudio's awards are the TOWNS (The Outstanding Women in the Nation's Service) and Balik Scientist Awards.

Claudio hopes to lead the AIJC as a regional center of excellence in journalism and communication. Her priorities include expanding the AIJC community; strengthening the institute's human, physical, and virtual resources; and improving the institute's impact on the development of the Philippines and the rest of Asia.

The AIJC's new programs include application of ICT on environment and other development concerns, risk and emergency communication, multimedia development, and intercultural communication.

The institute has just published a book on Muslim and Christian cultures, "In Search of Commonalities." The book, edited by Braid, contains papers written by noted scholars and eminent individuals.

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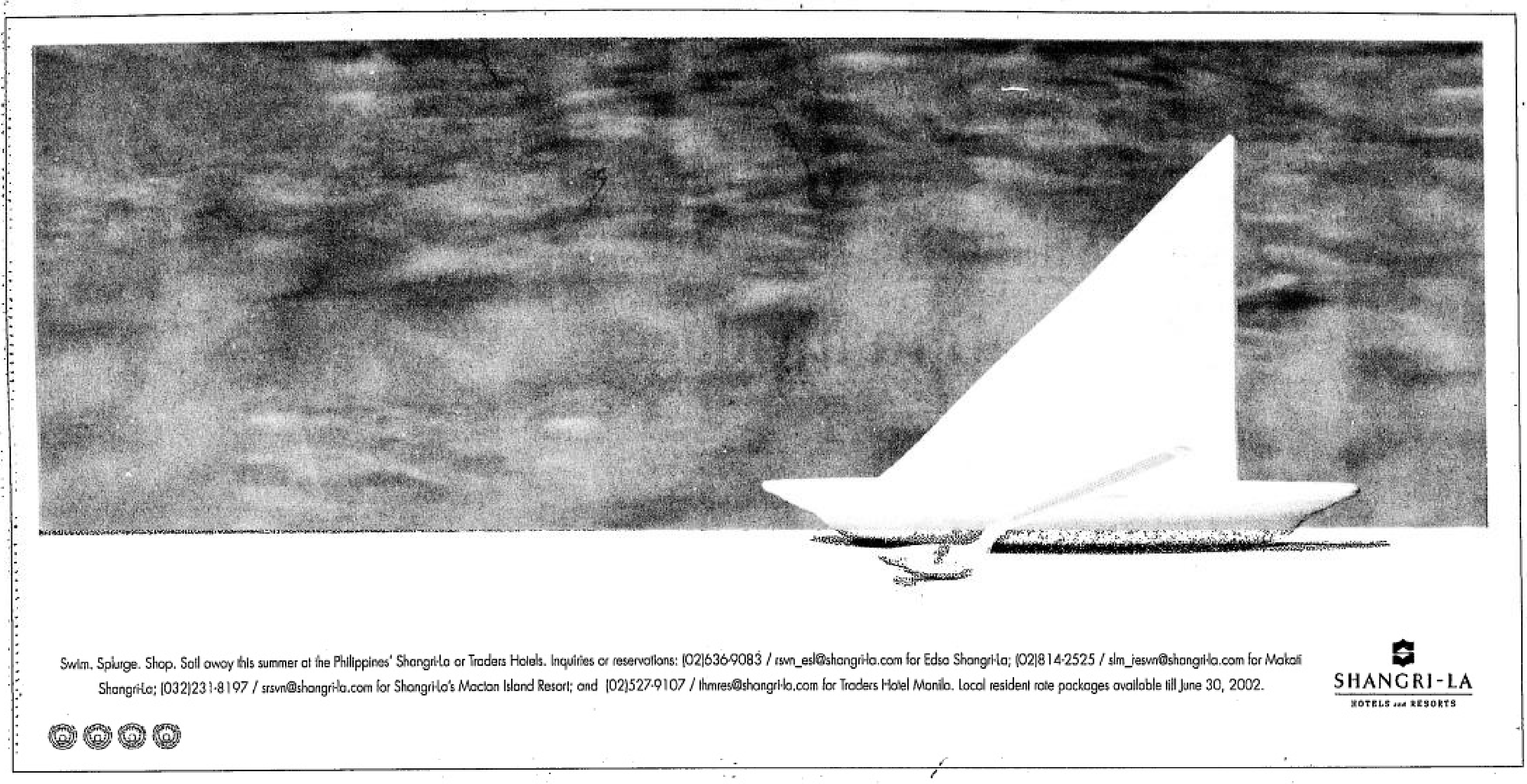

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- female, not over 35 years old
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- at least 1 year experience in retail operations, food chain or in sales in the same capacity

CUSTOMER SERVICE MANAGERS / SUPERVISORS (OG-CSM/S)

- female, not over 35 years old
- graduate of any 4-year business course
- with pleasing personality and enthusiastic in handling customer inquiries and concerns
- at least 1 to 2 years work experience in customer relations

COUNTER / CHECKING MANAGERS / SUPERVISORS (OG-CCM/S)

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- graduate of any 4-year business course
- at least 1 year experience in counter or credit card transactions in the same capacity

WAREHOUSE MANAGERS
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- male, not over 35 years old
- graduate of Commerce or Industrial Engineering
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CUSTOMER RELATIONS SERVICE SUPERVISORS / REPRESENTATIVES (OG-CRS S/R)

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- graduate of Criminology or at least 2nd year college
- flexible to different work assignments

SUPPORT / ADMINISTRATION GROUP

ACCOUNTING MANAGER (SAG-AM)

- not over 35 years old
- Certified Public Accountant (CPA)
- with at least three (3) years work experience in all accounting operations

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- female, not over 35 years old
- graduate of Accounting or Banking & Finance
- with at least three (3) years experience in funds management or treasury functions
- familiar with banking operations and Central Bank procedures

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- not over 35 years old
- graduate of any 4-year course
- with at least two (2) years experience in the same field

TRAINING OFFICERS
(SAG-TO)

- not over 32 years old
- graduate of Education, Psychology, Behavioral Science or any 4-year business course
- at least 2 years related work experience in human resource development
- knowledgeable in the conduct of training needs and analysis, design, implementation and evaluation of training programs and activities related to behavior and skills of employees

NURSES (SAG-N)

- female, not over 32 years old
- BS Nursing graduate, preferably licensed .
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- female, not over 28 years old
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- female, not over 25 years old
- Graduate of Psychology, Behavioral Science, Communication Arts, Business Management, Banking & Finance, Accountancy or Computer Science

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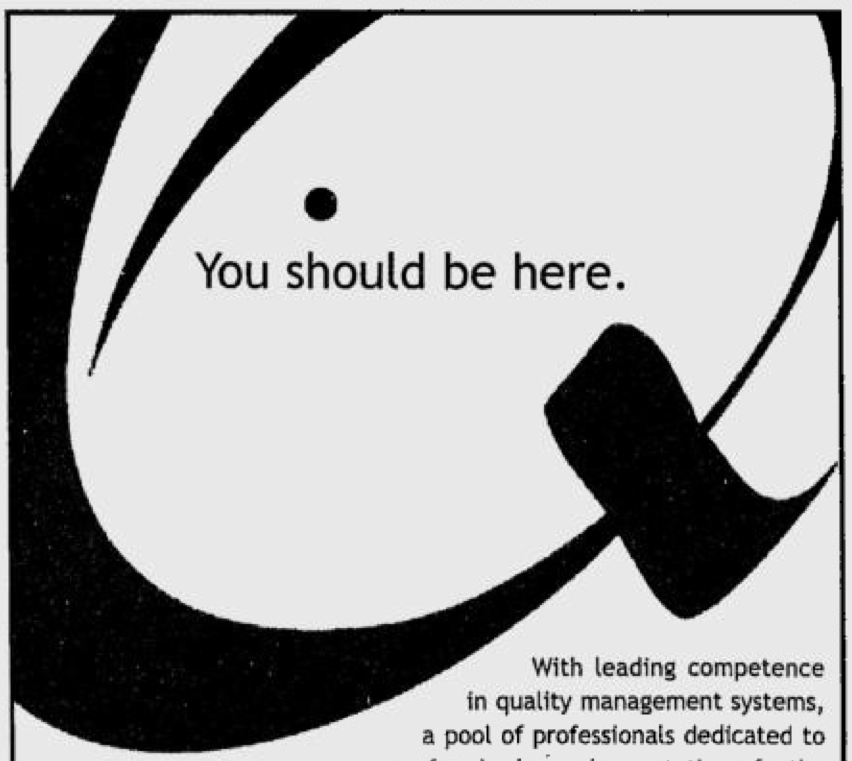
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A Certified Public Accountant with a post-graduate degree or (10) years of equivalent experience. With thorough knowledge of Financial Management, Human Resource Development and Building Administration. At least 5 years Managerial experience in the areas of operations management, human resource development, financial management & organizational development, preferably in a social development setting. Capable of building and maintaining positive relationships with the Management Team, Staff at various levels and other external publics. Excellent negotiation, verbal and written communication, facilitation and platform skills.

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- ❖ Graduate of any computer course
- ❖ Male or Female 21 to 35 years of age
- ❖ Client oriented
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- ❖ With six months experienced in the following:
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  - ✓ Telephone Technician
  - ✓ Data Communication

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- ❖ Female 21 to 28 years of age
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- ❖ Can communicate in all levels in the organization
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- ❖ With Professional Driver's License (R Code - 6 & 3, 2, 1)

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- ❖ Vocational or College graduate
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- ❖ Can read electrical diagram symbol
- ❖ Must be familiar in manufacturing machine trouble
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- ❖ With Professional Driver's License
- ❖ Good moral character

Production Operator
(urgent hiring)

- ❖ High School, Vocational or College level
- ❖ Male 20 to 27 years of age
- ❖ Well built and able body
- ❖ Good moral character

You can mail or hand carry your comprehensive resumé with 2x2 picture and transcript of records at the above address. For inquiries, call telephone no. (046) 437-2486 or 437-0849. Look for Christian, Wella, Tara or Richard or you can e-mail your resumé at hrd_scad@pacific.net.ph (No attachment)

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The Human Resource Specialist
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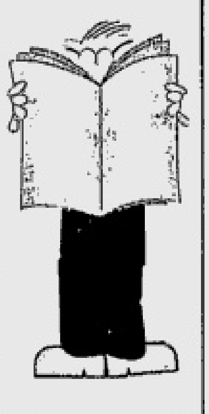

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- ✓ Graduate of Industrial Relations or any related field;
- ✓ Knowledgeable in Labor Laws with at least 2 years experience in E.R. work gained from a manufacturing company; With good interpersonal & communication skills
- ✓ Batangas residence preferred

TRAINING SPECIALIST (TRS)

- ✓ Graduate of Psychology, Behavioral Science or other related course;
- ✓ Male or Female; Single; not more than 28 years old
- ✓ With at least 2 years experience in handling Training & Development; Strong background in ISO/QS 9000
- ✓ People-oriented and has a good communication skills.

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- ✓ Graduate of BS Nursing (RN); Female; Single; not more than 28 years old;
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- ✓ Knowledgeable in processing SSS Benefit Claims
- ✓ Certified First-Aider

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- ✓ Graduate of Psychology or any Business Related Course; Male or Female not more than 30 years old;
- ✓ With at least 2 years experience in handling Compensation and Benefits in a manufacturing set-up;
- ✓ With knowledge on Job Evaluation, Grading, formulation of Job Description, Wage and Salary Administration;

PURCHASING SUPERVISOR (PS)

- ✓ Engineering graduate; Male or Female; Single/Married; 23-35 years old;
- ✓ With 1-2 years supervisory experience on the same position or any of the following field: Localization, Quality Eng'g, Product Eng'g.
- ✓ Has strong leadership skills; Computer Literate

COST ACCOUNTING STAFF (CA)

- ✓ Graduate of BS Accountancy; Male or Female; Single; 23-28 years old;
- ✓ At least 1 year experience with Cost Accounting in a Mfg company particularly in an automotive company;
- ✓ Has strong leadership skills; knowledgeable in system analysis

QA ENGINEER (QAE)

- ✓ Male, 22 – 27 years old; Single or Married;
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- Knowledgeable/good understanding and experience in electrical applications
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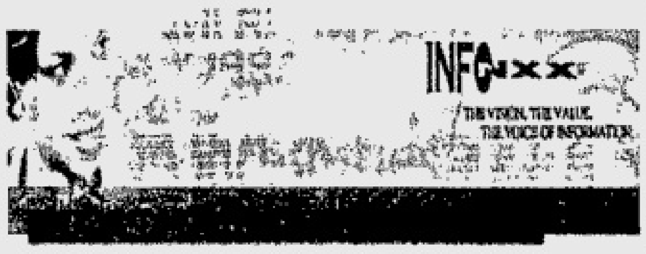

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- Must possess at least a Bachelor, Post Graduate Diploma or Professional Degree in any field
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Rustan Marketing Corporation

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- Minimum of 2 years experience in product management and development of consumer products in a managerial capacity
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- Must possess a pleasing and dynamic personality, impeccable integrity and good moral character
- Must be computer literate

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- Male of female, 25-35 years old
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Qualified applicants are requested to send or e-mail immediately their comprehensive resumé, transcript of records and a recent 2x2 photo to:

RUSTAN MARKETING CORPORATION
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- Female, not more than 26 years of age;
- Graduate of any four year course;
- Must be computer literate with excellent communication skills;
- Background in medical course an advantage but not a must.

• REGISTERED NURSES

- Not more than 30 years of age;
- Must have at least 6 months to one year work experience;
- Computer literate with good communication skills.

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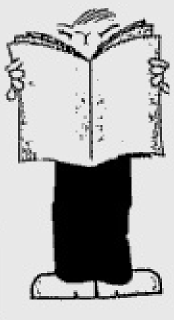

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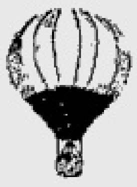

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FINANCE & ADMIN MANAGER (FAM)

☐ Good communications skills, written and oral
☐ Ability to handle people and establish good coordination with the NGO members
☐ Creative, resourceful and can work under minimal supervision
☐ BS Accountancy Graduate (good in FS analysis), computer literate
☐ Knowledge in IT, Finance and Admin matters and Fund Sourcing

FINANCE & ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR (FAC)

☐ Good communications skills, written and oral
☐ Ability to handle people and establish good coordination with the NGOs, esp. accounting staff
☐ BS Accountancy Graduate, ability to teach financial/accounting skills
☐ Computer literate

OPERATIONS MANAGER (OM)

☐ Business Course Graduate
☐ Good communication and analytical skills
☐ Creative, resourceful and can work under minimal supervision
☐ Ability to handle a team training the member NGOs on their field operations
☐ Experience in micro finance

STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING COORDINATOR (SDTC)

☐ Social Science Graduate or any related course
☐ Good communication skills, written and oral, excellent facilitating skills
☐ Ability to assess and design training needs and quality manuals
☐ Computer literate

COMMUNICATION AND FUND SOURCING OFFICER (CFSO)

☐ In charge of external communication and fund raising for UPLiFT and its Network
☐ In charge of promoting and selling Network services to potential buyers
☐ Excellent communication skills, written and oral (English). Can work autonomously.
☐ Proficiency in Word, Excel and PowerPoint.
☐ Preferably graduate in communication or marketing course.

NOTE: Network Staffs are based in Caloocan City but must be willing to travel in Luzon and Visayas, must be able to work autonomously and be good team players.

IN CALOOCAN

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☐ Psychology graduate
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☐ Assists Human Resource Department in recruitment and non payroll tasks
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INTERNAL AUDIT TEAM LEADER (IATL)

☐ Based in Caloocan, working on all UPLiFT units (Metro Manila and Bulacan area)
☐ Minimum BS Accountancy, or another business course with strong experience in accounting
☐ Good knowledge in micro-finance processes (field and accounting related)
☐ Capacity to manage a small team

UPLiFT TREASURER (UT)

☐ In charge of treasury, cash management, budget for all UPLiFT units
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IN QUEZON CITY

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☐ Good autonomy in recording transactions and preparing financial statements

IN BULACAN

FINANCE & ADMIN MANAGER (FAM)

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☐ Computer literate, good communications skills, written and oral
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Primary Function

- Overall institutional management;
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- Developing and overseeing the internal institutional and programme monitoring and evaluation system;
- Taking lead in developing institutional policies;
- Formulating and implementing the Human Resource Development Programme;
- Ensuring adequate check and balance of the financial system;
- Overall management of the information system; and
- Fulfilling legal accountabilities of the institution.

Essential Skills

- At least three years experience in leadership roles and in managing a women's organisation;
- Strong writing and verbal communication skills in English;
- Expertise in organisational development;
- Ability to innovate financial systems and make recommendations on optimum use of resources;
- Must be well-versed in policy development and administrative systems management;
- Must be knowledgeable of the management of information systems;
- Advanced computer skills, including accounting softwares; and
- Ability to manage the programme staff and lead the programme in all core activities and tasks.

Desirable Skills

- Strong feminist perspective and involvement, nationally or regionally, with the women's movement;
- Strong networking skills; and
- Knowledge of Philippine Corporate, labor and immigration requirements.

Salary: P40,500.00 per month

Interested parties may send resumés with two reference letters not later than Wednesday, June 19, 2002 to:

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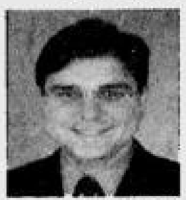

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By Alya B. Honasan
Photographs by Ernie U. Sarmiento

E WAS absolutely uncompromising about cleanliness. He kept a stash of chocolates in his studio cabinets, alongside his paints and palettes, although he never munched while he was working. He was so shy he would climb out bathroom windows to avoid parties with Manila's social set. And he never, ever turned down anyone who asked for his help.

These are just a few of the fond memories that Adrian Amorsolo, Manuel Amorsolo, Gracia Amorsolo Valdes and Soledad Amorsolo Valdes have of their enigmatic Papa, the very first National Artist for Painting and the unparalleled Filipino master of light on canvas, Fernando Amorsolo.

They are four of the five surviving children of Amorsolo by his first wife, Salome Jorge, the 16-year-old maiden from Sta. Ana whom the artist married in 1916. The couple had eight children who survived into adulthood: Virginia (deceased); Fernando Jr. (deceased); Adrian, now 78; Soledad, 76; Gracia, 74; Lina, 71, now living in the United States; Manuel, 70; and Jorge (deceased).

They grew up in a big house on Azcarraga, beside what is now the Gotesco Theater. Aside from Soledad, who laughingly admits that "I just couldn't draw anything, even if Papa kept buying us scrapbooks," all of them tried their hand at art. "But of course, we always knew we could never match Papa," Gracia says.

Both Adrian and Manuel would take up Fine Arts at the University of the Philippines when their father was still the legendary Dean of the College of Fine Arts, first at Padre Faura and then at Diliman. Adrian began working as an illustrator for Liwayway Publishing even before he graduated. "Of course I felt the pressure of being Amorsolo's son, but in school Papa did not want us to be treated special just because we were children of the dean." Later, Adrian specialized in pen and ink and joined artists like Onib Olmedo and Juvenal Sanso in Mabini. "When my father was older, I would help him paint by putting the first coating on his works— even if I never saw my work when he was finished! His colors were incredible."

Manuel did his own painting, as well. "When I finished high school, Papa advised me, 'Do what you want and what you think you will excel in.'" When a frail constitution kept him from entering the Philippine Military Academy to become a soldier, Manuel bagged a university scholarship in art instead, while taking ROTC on the side. "But even then, I knew I could never measure up to the yardstick of Papa's art. I concentrated on graphic design." He went on to work for Grant Advertising and later, Dentsu, Young & Rubicam.

Gracia and Soledad both married at age 16, and they married brothers— just like their mother and her sister Felisa, who married brothers Fernando and Pablo Amorsolo. Soledad married Andres first and invited her younger sister to stay with her in Gapan, Nueva Ecija. There Gracia met Andres' older brother Estanislao. "That was one of the few times I remember seeing my father become emotional, when he learned I was getting married," recalls Gracia. "I remember seeing him washing his brushes with tears in his eyes. He felt sad because he wanted me to paint."

Amorsolo was willing to hold special classes for his daughter, who has exhibited oils and watercolors, but Gracia's husband vetoed the idea. "Even then he would send me painting sets and his

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(Clockwi[illegible] left) Manuel Amorsolo, Adrian Amorsolo, Soledad Amorsolo Valdes and Gracia Amorsolo Valdes. Background, detail from Fernando Amorsolo's "Winnowing Rice," oil on canvas, 1948

In commemoration of the 110th birth anniversary of the Maestro, Fernando Amorsolo, on May 30, four of his children remember the brilliant artist, quiet worker and steadfast provider who was their Papa

Children...*from page 1*

works to copy." Indeed, the Maestro seemed to long for a successor, and he was happy that Gracia's son Marcos showed talent at an early age. "Let that boy study, because he has it," the proud grandfather noted. Sadly, Marcos was killed in an automobile accident in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia three years ago. Marcos is the older brother of actress Eula Valdes, who, Gracia recounts, used to mess up her grandfather's palette as a child.

One other moment Soledad recalls seeing her father in anguish was when their mother died in 1931 of dysentery, at the age of 33. "I could remember him sobbing in grief," she remembers. And then, there was the time he lost patience with a vain lady client who kept insisting that he make her look younger than her youthful husband in a commissioned portrait, Gracia recounts. Fed up, the Maestro slashed the canvas in a wordless but angry gesture—and the client left in a huff.

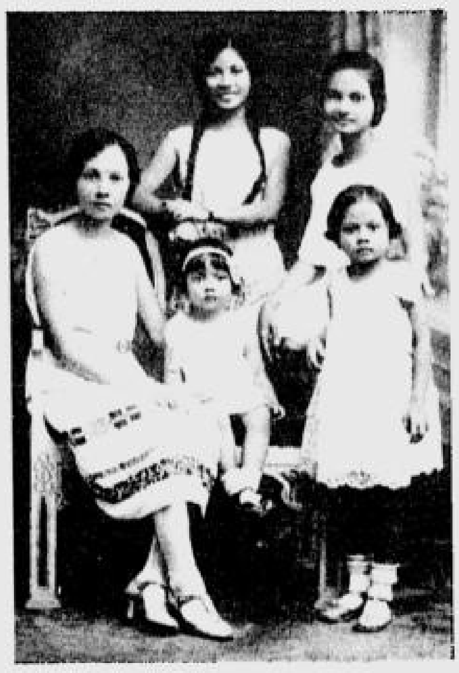
Amorsolo never liked to speak of his past and the difficult childhood that came after his own father Pedro died; his mother Bonifacia had to embroider for a living, and Amorsolo was painting and selling postcards by the time he was 13. "Sometimes, we would be surprised that people saw him as an important person, when he was just a small man, very humble, a simple dresser, and very quiet," recalls Manuel.

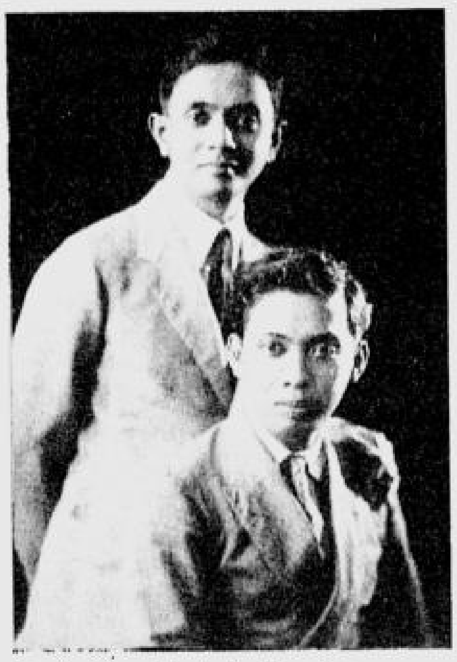
Manuel and younger brother Jorge were given the task of cleaning their Papa's studio every day, a responsibility Manuel held until he graduated from college. The children slept side-by-side in the Azcarraga house, but the *sanctum sanctorum* was Papa's studio, where he had a bed and the aforementioned chocolate stash which the children were welcome to raid, provided they didn't leave a mess. "We inherited our sweet tooth from him," laughs Soledad.

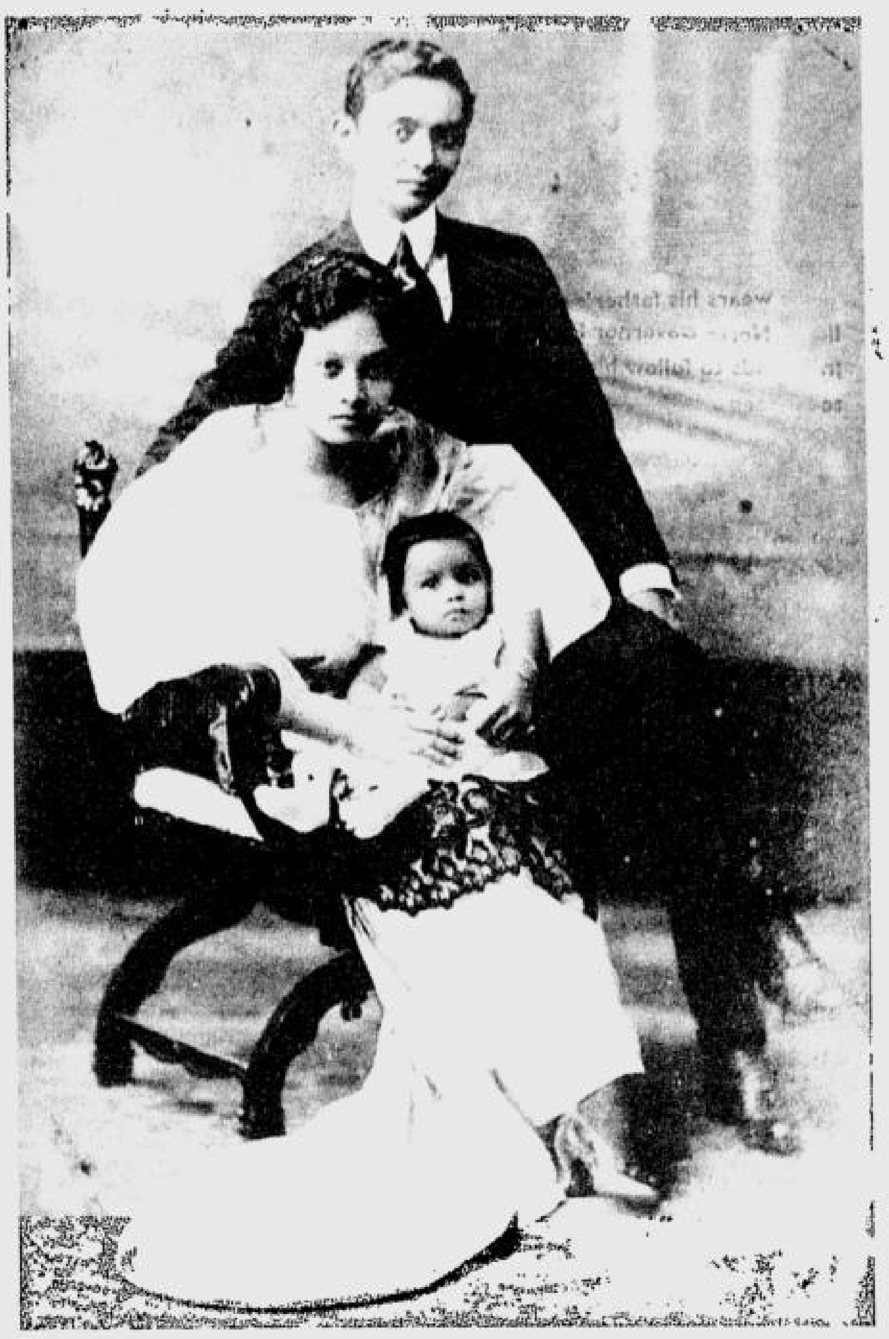
Amorsolo was up at about 4:30 every morning, and he began working immediately after breakfast. Manuel would take large pieces of flannel cloth and wipe the tabletops and counters until they shone. "We used a really good shoe polish for the floor, and every morning he would take his own piece of flannel and wipe as he walked. If the cloth picked up dust, you knew he wasn't happy, but he didn't say anything." Manuel would arrange the paints and palettes and set up the easels. "At that time, I took the paintings for granted; sometimes I would just toss them around. Little did I know they would cost over a million pesos today!"

The Maestro went to work always dressed in a white polo shirt, light-colored pants and leather slippers he had especially made to fit the bunions on his feet. Yet, he never got a speck of paint on his clothes. "He looked like a doctor," recalls Manuel. "Sometimes he would take a nap right at his table in front of the easel, then wake up and resume work," Gracia recalls. "The only time we were not allowed in," chuckles Adrian, "was when a lady was being painted in the nude."

Amorsolo would paint until about 5 p.m., and then it was clean-up time again for Manuel. Once, he recalls, he spent hours staring at a painting of a beautiful woman. "I literally fell in love with her, and couldn't stop staring at her." The woman in the portrait was the Philippine President's daughter, Vicky Quirino. Beautiful women inspired the Maestro, recalls Manuel. "When he was painting an average-looking woman, he would often stop and get to work on a more beautiful subject. He didn't like painting women who weren't beautiful, he had to get himself in the mood. And he hated painting veils and other accessories. *Parang walang* challenge."







Family album (clockwise from top left): Salome Jorge Amorsolo, seated at left, with (clockwise from center) her sister Ma. Luisa and daughters Virginia, Soledad and little Gracia; the young couple with firstborn Virginia; Amorsolo, standing, wih his best friend, fellow National Artist and colleague at the UP faculty of Fine Arts, sculptor Guillermo Tolentino

The light that marked his works, Gracia recalls, shone into his studio every morning. "Maybe that's why he never wanted to leave the house on Azcarraga, because he always got that light in the morning." Eventually, Amorsolo would move to a new house on Lepanto, what would later become the University of the East, and later to Cordillera in Quezon City with his second family; he married Maria del Carmen in 1935, and the couple had eight children. "But he always liked all of us to be together and visit him on Saturdays," Gracia says.

On those visits, Amorsolo would have envelopes with money ready for each of his grandchildren. If a grandchild was absent, the money would be saved until next Saturday. "Especially after Papa became famous, I remember seeing people lined up on the stairs of our house, waiting to ask for money," says Adrian. "He would get the money from his pocket and hand it to them."

The Maestro didn't smoke or drink, and was always fastidiously groomed. "Sometimes you would see female students flocking around him in school, because he smelled so good," says Adrian. He loved *kare-kare* and *bangus*, movies and basketball, and often went hunting with his best friend and staunch defender, the gregarious sculptor and fellow National Artist Guillermo Tolentino. In fact, Amorsolo so shunned conflict that when the famous debate between the Modernists and the Realists erupted, and modern master Victorio Edades took on Amorsolo, it was Tolentino who answered back.

His shyness bordered on the manic, his children agree. When there was a visitor he didn't want to see or who showed up unannounced, Amorsolo would hide in the bathroom until the pest went away. Gracia repeats some anecdotes of Amorsolo's refusal to mingle with the society friends of his patron, Don Enrique Zobel, who sent Amorsolo to Madrid to study in 1919. "Once, when he knew there was a crowd of people waiting outside, he climbed out the bathroom window. They also said that when he learned there was a welcoming committee waiting when his ship arrived from Spain, he didn't want to get off the boat!" In fact, none of the famous people who came to sit in the Maestro's studio were announced or given special treatment, from Douglas MacArthur to Presidents Sukarno and Osmeña. The children would have to ask who was calling, and Manuel recalls how Sukarno asked who the lovely lady in a nude painting was.

As an artist, Amorsolo's children agree that their father was extraordinarily gifted. "It's not how he blended colors, because he didn't," Manuel recalls. "He would paint separate strokes, and then you would see the effect from a distance. The illusion was created in your eyes."

Manuel relates how his father was able to reproduce works he painted many years back for a certain American executive, Mr. Carpenter, former president of Colgate-Palmolive, a major account of Grant Advertising in the Philippines, where Manuel worked. Carpenter had been overjoyed to discover that an Amorsolo was working in his company's advertising agency, and he sought out the Maestro. Manuel remembers how his father recreated the paintings based on sepia photographs, some Spanish annotations—and sheer memory. "It was unbelievable."

With commissioned works lapped up by collectors and taking up most of his time, Amorsolo left few finished works with his children—but they amassed a collection of his leisurely sketches or *bosetos* from their family outings. "When we were children, we would go to the provinces so that Papa could make sketches of the farm and the countryside, places like Nueva Ecija, Batangas, Lucena," says Soledad. "We climbed up to the rice terraces, because he wanted to paint them on the spot," adds Adrian, "and he would rent a house for a couple of weeks in Antipolo every summer so we could have fun and he could paint the processions."

"His greatest regret," Soledad recalls, "was that, later in life, he couldn't find time to paint what he wanted, because he was too overloaded with commissioned works."

Today, few of his paintings are with his surviving children, who live average lives and are certainly not living off the millions that their father's works could have brought them. With his half-sister Sylvia, Adrian sits on a committee that authenticates Amorsolos, and all of them can somehow tell if the work in question was not wrought by Papa's hand. It could be the delicate way he painted nails on hands, or the way he made objects outside a frame glow into the picture. It could be the way he painted green fields or rendered a noonday sun.

Yet, what they remember most is not Papa's artistry but his deadpan jokes, the egg pie he brought home as *pasalubong* from a movie, the way he could discipline you and make you ashamed to misbehave with one meaningful glance. "You knew he was the father of the house," recalls Gracia.

Amorsolo was painting on his deathbed at the St. Luke's Hospital, where he died on April 24, 1972, a month short of his 80th birthday. He was proclaimed the first Filipino National Artist three days later.

Manuel puts it most appropriately. "I wish that people who made the world a better, more beautiful place could live forever. People like Papa. It's a shame he's not coming back."

Oh, to bring back the light. Q

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The Cover Image On the 110th birth anniversary of Fernando Amorsolo, four of his children remember their Papa
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Light Silver
for Luis Cabalquinto

Along the edge
of a road

whose name
you have never known

glacier
lilies bloom

as yellow as
the piss on New York snow

Luis captured
in a poem

for evoking the moon
hovering on a childhood

street. Where dusk
dissolved

before a window
lit by a lantern beaming.

Where nothing existed
but an orange light

coaxing echoes
from the sparkle of fireflies

mating among the fronds
of ancient coconut trees.

A shutter in the mind
opens unexpectedly

and *that* suffices—
this knowing

something fertile
exists and grows

even where you think
you are lost

such as on this curving road
you did not mean to take

but find yourself
facing,

forward and backward
synonymous

with their lack of
guarantees.

Eileen R. Tablos

Twists of Fate

By Chic Fortich

His Father's Son

Marcos prepared them for everything except Edsa, Imelda probably spoiled them for life, he's still together with his lawyer wife and yes, he's keeping his options open on the presidential elections in 2004. His life and times, according to Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos, Jr.

HE wears his father's pants and shoes, but whether Ilocos Norte Governor Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos, Jr. intends to follow his late father's footsteps remains to be seen.

Already, there is talk of him running in 2004, but he shrugs off such speculations.

"I don't even have any plans for 2002. Well, alright," he amends, "I have all sorts of plans—run for governor again or go national and run for the Senate. I guess I'm following my father's advice: I'm keeping my options open."

His wife, Liza Araneta, he concedes, would make a good politician's wife, "though I don't really know what the traditional perception of that is. She's a good wife to me and we manage to divide our work between us. She's used to working. She was a working attorney when we met so now she's busy organizing and running organizations."

With wife Liza Araneta and sons Ferdinand Alexander, Joseph Simon and William Vincent

And yes, they're still together, notwithstanding rumors that she packed up and left him after she reportedly found the Marcos heir with another woman in Hong Kong. "I don't know about that," he says of this juicy morsel. "But you know, I think the only thing worse than being talked about is *not* being talked about," he quips.

And if people talked about his being a spoiled brat, it's probably true, he admits candidly. But it really couldn't be helped, he adds. "When people are bowing and scraping all around you even when you're a kid, when things materialize even when you're just thinking about it..." he shrugs.

His parents did try to impose some discipline, but they had little time for him, Bongbong recalls. "So, I guess I took it rather well," he laughs.

The spoiled brat image isn't helped any by impressions that he has a short fuse. "Really?" he says in surprise. "Well, I suppose I'm really more impatient than short-tempered. And I am known to use colorful language. But I don't tee off at people. It's their work. Things just aren't getting done when they should be done. People think of time in such a cavalier way. I'm impatient with people who say 'later,' and that later can mean any time from now until seven."

He doesn't like having his time wasted, he adds. "When I have an appointment with someone, then he talks to me about the sun, the moon and the stars, I'm bound to tell him, 'Sorry, but we're here to talk about a project, not just anything.' I'm very direct that way."

Early on, Imelda tried to impose some limits, says Bongbong, "because she has this sense of duty. She'd make us sit, listening to long political speeches, while somewhere out there, I knew that my friends were playing football."

Marcos Sr., meanwhile, sent them off to harsher climes. "A year before he proclaimed Martial Law, my father told us he might have to do it," recounts Bongbong. "And so, he sent the three of us to the United Kingdom. I was sent to Wirth School, south of London, where they were very strict." Everything was regimented, "and we all had to wear fur coats and ties."

His father, a genuine Ilocano, also tried to control their spending, reveals his only son. "Once, I was going back to London and would stop at Paris," he recounts. "So I said, 'Dad, I'm leaving the day after tomorrow and my flight is only up to Paris.' He pulls out a bill from his wallet and hands it to me. It was a hundred dollars. Not saying anything, I went to my mother."

She was flabbergasted, recalls Bongbong. "What? That won't even buy you dinner in Paris!" Taking a sheaf of bills from her wallet, but still scolding, former First Lady Imelda Marcos said, "That's because you don't know whom to ask money from. Here. And if that's not enough, you can charge it to my bank there."

Laughs Bongbong: "My mother was really the one who spoiled us. She was so *galante*."

At the same time, he adds, she was a very real person. "*Talagang tao na tao.*"

But being the wife of the country's top politico rubbed off on her. "My mother is the best politician I know," Bongbong reveals. "Talk about charisma!"

In some ways, she was even better than his father, he adds. "My father was a master when it came to dealing with crowds and the *masa*. But in terms of dealing with them on a one-to-one basis, my mother was the best because she's a very sincere person. When someone is telling her a sob story, she'll really cry." It's something he's tried himself, he mentions casually, and to his own surprise, it worked.

Put another way, his father "lived in his brain, while my mother lives in her heart."

His father he admired for his brains, stresses Bongbong. "His mind was so clear that when presented with a problem, he could get to the crux of it right away." But the elder Marcos wasn't one to teach lessons, he says. "He'd just sit me down in his office while he did his work or talked to people. I think most of the things that I've done I learned from watching and observing him."

But the Edsa Revolution that ousted him and his family, he had to cope with on his own, he confides. Fresh from Wharton Business School and Cambridge University, he came home expecting to become the dashing man about town when—wham!—the February 1986 events on that stretch of road called Edsa hit him. He was stunned, he recalls. "I had heard about government takeovers, but they only happened in other places. *This* one was happening to us!"

Promises were made, and they and their supporters were flown to Hawaii. "My father was sick," Bongbong says with a hint of regret and unspoken possibilities.

The experience has probably soured him on his presidential ambitions. "With the present-day politics that we have, it seems that being a political scoundrel is the order of the day."

He couldn't resist a few potshots. Asked on what would make a good president, he quips: "Someone with vision who understands government and makes it work to achieve that vision." Then he adds, "And someone who knows how he got there. Not like our present President who doesn't know how she got there. Anyone who claims he or she played a role in Edsa 2 who gets a chance at public office. I don't envy her position."

Bongbong says he'll steer his three sons Ferdinand Alexander, Joseph Simon and William Vincent away from the family business as soon as he can: "I'll be telling them how difficult it is to be in politics. The values in present-day politics are the wrong ones," he declares.

He is, he says in not so many words, more his father's son than his mother's *unico hijo*. "I'd rather have the Marcos brain than any charisma."

Seen on TV

By Ruel S. De Vera

'Space' Woman

Fresh TV talent Reema Chanco hosts a new interior design show on cable that spreads the gospel of reinventing space

EVER looked around your room and suddenly had the urge to move things around, maybe get rid of the clutter and change your wallpaper? Well, Reema Chanco knows your pain. Two years ago, Reema looked around her room and decided that change was in order. "I wanted to make it look more like something I love—the beach," the 25-year-old La Salle grad explains. "I wanted a new look to make me feel happy. My room is very important to me because I spend a lot of time there."

So, she redid the room in her own image, adding Boracay lanterns, and having the walls and cabinets repainted. "I'm really proud of that job," she smiles. Her current job involves the same redecorating vice. Reema is the fresh, funny host of the interior design show "Space," produced by CCI Asia Television, and available on Destiny Cable's Juice channel. Every week, Reema visits well-designed homes, tackles some home projects, and generally gives young Pinoys some home improvement ideas—all within a reasonable budget. "I want them to know that if I can do this stuff, so can they. I'm no expert. Whatever I can do on the show, they can do better."

Top interior designers occasionally guest on the show and help transform cluttered rooms into works of spatial art. In her exploration of other people's abodes, Reema gets to cut her teeth as an interviewer and discuss the functional, fashionable and fun aspects of living with furniture and fixtures. She also gets to flash that quick, im

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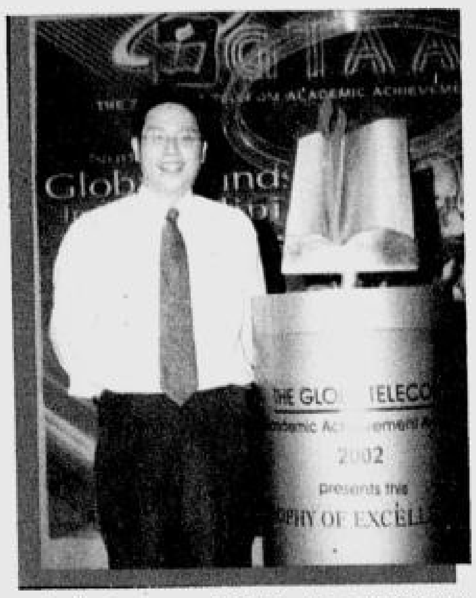
Nurturing a Global Mindset In Young Filipino Leaders

By Menchie V. Osial



Joel L. Panugayan of DLSU is this year's GTAAA Overall Awardee. He received P75,000, an HP personal computer and printer and a Trophy of Excellence during the 7th GTAAA Awarding Ceremonies last April 29 held at the Hotel Intercon.

IT is a fact that technological change is inevitable. The last few decades have attested to this. Technology continues to evolve and alter the way we live, work and play such that there is a great temptation to assume life in the developed world will be transformed by wondrous advances of which we at present know nothing of.

Today, we are facing a liberalized market. We live in a global environment, fueled by the advancement in information and communications technology. Much has been made of the idea that we are entering some kind of "information society" where knowledge is king. This has left us hard-pressed to keep up with the times and stay afloat in an increasingly competitive world.

Indeed, technological competence is the biggest measure of competitiveness. Nations progress or decline depending on their level of technological capability. And such capability is not something bottled up in a laboratory. It is in people's heads – in the way they are educated and trained.

Thus, the Philippine Education System is doubling-up to help produce students of exemplary caliber. Its ability to be responsive is a critical factor for developing global competitiveness and preparing the Philippines for the challenges of the next century.

This has been the driving force behind Globe Telecom's effort of fostering excellence in education. Significantly, it has prepared the platform to help the students realize this dream and inspire them to excel in the global arena.

GTAÀA' s NATIONWIDE PRESENCE

Inspired by the Ayala Group of Companies' commitment to nation-building by way of generating youth-oriented programs, Globe Telecom has conceptualized an annual search for "the best of the best" from each year's graduating students (both in College and High School) geared towards the fields of Electronics & Communications and Electrical Engineering (ECE and EE), and Science and Math.

Dubbed as the Globe Telecom Academic Achievement Awards (GTAAA), the search is a fitting tribute to students who have exemplified their achievements through their outstanding performance. Since its conception in 1995, the GTAAA has recognized 200 outstanding College and High School students from different parts of the country.

GTAAA has stretched in its reach to various communities nationwide, covering areas that include Makati, Mandaluyong, San Juan, Pasig and Marikina in the NCR; in Southern Luzon – Batangas, Cavite, Occidental Mindoro, Oriental Mindoro and Palawan participate in the program.

Bacolod City, Cebu City, Dumaguete City, Iloilo City, Tacloban City and Tagbilaran City are tapped in the Visayas region while in Mindanao, it is Lanao del Norte, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, North Cotabato and Sultan Kudarat.

This year, the GTAAA has attracted the highest number of annual High School qualifiers totaling to 449, among which 21 were chosen as area awardees. In the College level, it is significant to note that nine of the 16 College awardees are women, proving that Engineering is no longer a male-dominated career.

The GTAAA shall continue to bring its culture of excellence throughout the country. For the next program year this coming June, the GTAAA will expand in areas in the Visayas region following the integration of Globe and Islacom.

OVERALL AWARDEE

At 21 years old, Joel seems like a typical yuppie: simple, always cheerful and full of humility. But behind this character, he is a great achiever, proof of which are his numerous achievements at De 'La Salle University (DLSU).

Last April 29, yet another recognition was bestowed on Joel as he was chosen the GTAAA Overall Awardee. As his name was called, a loud cheer and applause erupted from his co-awardees. Many were not surprised that he got the highest award as they knew him to be a strong candidate for the plum. "I wasn't really expecting (to get the award)," he says.

This is the second time that a student from DLSU was given GTAAA's highest award. The first was Ariel Amarillo during the 2nd GTAAA.

Joel relates that the GTAAA has helped him realize a lot of things, including his weaknesses. He says that the search has opened his mind to many possibilities and new ideas that he never knew before.

With the support of his parents and siblings, Joel has achieved numerous awards at DLSU. He, together with two classmates, won in the BPI Science Awards 2002 for their project involving setting up voice calls in a local area data network.

In 1999 he was awarded a certificate of academic excellence for having the highest cumulative grade point average in the DLSU College of Engineering. He was also an awardee of The Outstanding Coeds-The Outstanding Young Men (TOC-TOYM) and the Procter and Gamble Student Excellence Award, the latter where he is currently doing his on-the-job training.

Panugayan, a middle child, is graduating at DLSU this October, hopefully with *summa cum laude* honors. He considers having compassion as an important trait. "With all the things that are happening, we should have the heart to do something for others," he explains.

Panugayan has a high regard for the GTAAA as a recognition program because it inspires students to strive for excellence and rise above the others in their own field. "The GTAAA gives emphasis to the traits that separate the student from the rest. It makes the student realize that there is something good in him and consequently makes him feel proud. What's more, it's a big encouragement for the youth," he says.

He explains that with technology overwhelming mankind, he considers communications technology as a pivotal instrument in bridging the communication gap among Filipinos. "We have always been bothered by problems of uprisings and revolts in the provincial area because they are too far away from the central government for their complaints and needs to be heard."

As the Overall Awardee, he received P75,000, a Trophy of Excellence, an HP Pavillion 7705 personal computer and HP Deskjet 948 colored printer courtesy of Hewlett-Packard. DLSU, on the other hand, was given a Trophy of Excellence for its role in spurring the young achiever to soar to one of his highest personal achievements.

SELECTION PROCESS

All College and High School awardees go through separate processes and meet set criteria during the pre-qualification phase. The GTAAA is open to all graduating ECE and EE students from different colleges and universities around the country; and to all regular graduating High School students within the Globe/Islacom service areas who excel in Science and Math.

In the High School level, qualifiers take a written exam (which account for 60 percent of the total score) while their final grades from the first to fourth years will account for 40 percent. The College qualifiers, aside from the written exam and final grade average, are required to sit on a panel interview where industry leaders serve as judges.

For the recently concluded 7th GTAAA, the Overall Awardee received P75,000; College Awardees P30,000; and the High School Awardees P20,000 each. The awardees as well as their schools each received a Trophy of Recognition.

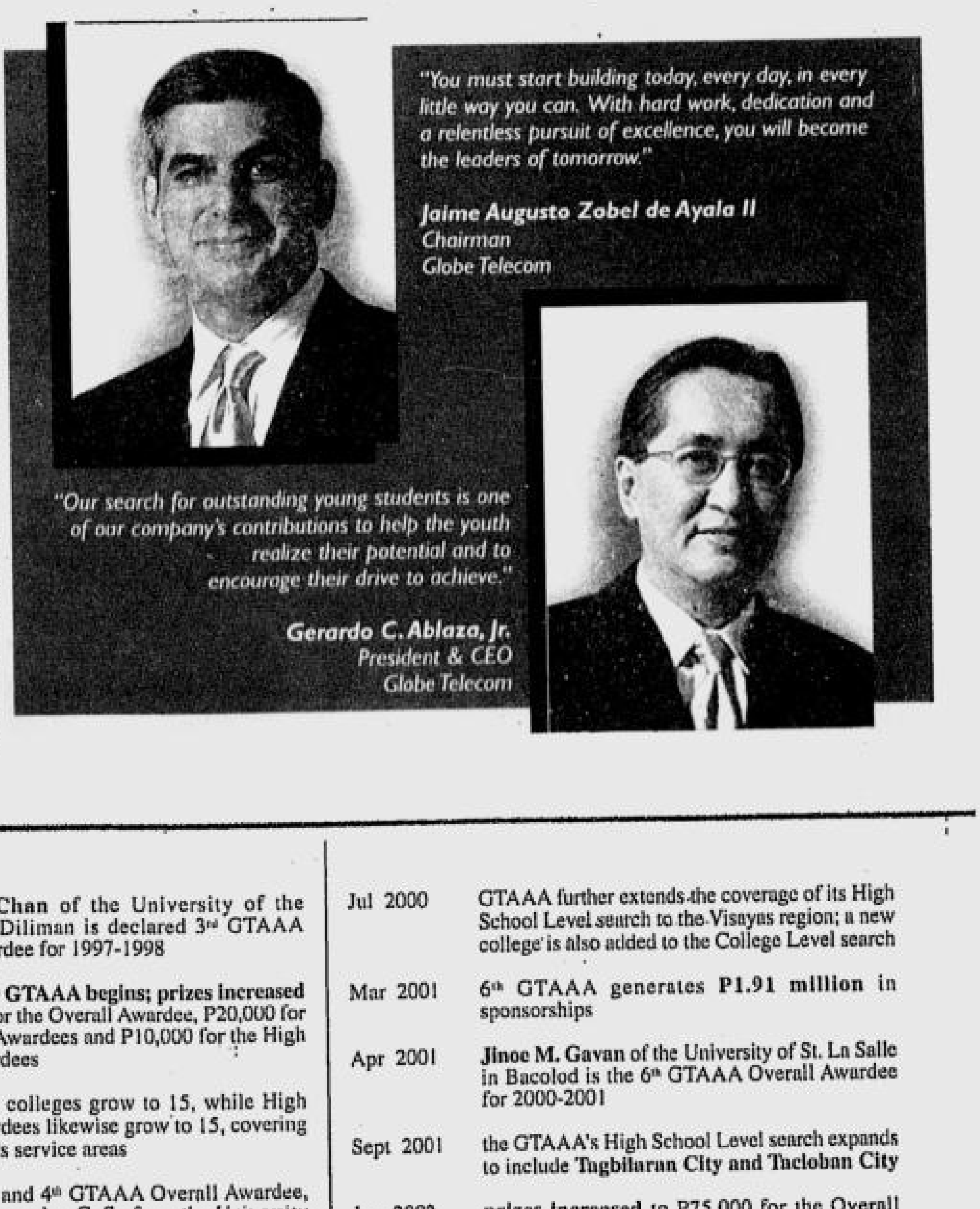
THE SEARCH FOR THE BEST

In selecting the awardees, Globe Telecom partners with some of the most respected names in the academe and industry who are top caliber in their respective fields. Their task is to choose the best students who are cut above the rest in terms of leadership qualities and a deep sense of issues affecting them.

This year's panel of judges is chaired by Engr. Nelson P. Beniabon, Division Chief, PCASTRD-DOST. Other judges are Dr. Amelia A. Biglete, NCR Director, CHED; Engr. Edgardo V. Cabarios, Common Carrier Authorization Dept. Director, NTC; Ms. Lourdes C. Ilagan, Senior Education Program Specialist, DepEd; Engr. Francis V. Mapile, National President, Institute of Integrated Electrical Engineers of the Philippines; Engr. Fernando C. Morales, Former President, Institute of Electronics and Communications Engineers of the Philippines; Engr. Aurora A. Rubio, Telecom Policy and Planning Division Chief, DOTC; Engr. Oscar S. Villacorta, Executive Director, Philippine Electronics and Telecommunications Federation; and Hon. Mabel P. Villarica-Mamba, Chairperson and CEO, National Youth Commission.

OPPORTUNITIES CREATED

Inspired by what the GTAAA has



"You must start building today, every day, in every little way you can. With hard work, dedication and a relentless pursuit of excellence, you will become the leaders of tomorrow."

Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala II
Chairman
Globe Telecom

"Our search for outstanding young students is one of our company's contributions to help the youth realize their potential and to encourage their drive to achieve."

Gerardo C. Ablaza, Jr.
President & CEO
Globe Telecom

1995	then Globe Telecom President and CEO **Filemon T. Berba, Jr.** conceptualizes the GTAAA
Aug 1995	1st GTAAA makes pilot search in select colleges and universities nationwide for the College Level, and select schools in NCR, Batangas and Cavite for the High School Level
Apr 1996	**Jerome T. Auza** of the University of San Carlos, Cebu City is proclaimed 1st GTAAA Overall Awardee for 1995-1996; GTAAA Alumni Club is formed
Aug 1996	work for the 2nd GTAAA begins; program extends to include Palawan, Occidental Mindoro and Oriental Mindoro for the High School search
Apr 1997	**Ariel B. Amarillo** of the De La Salle University, NCR is recognized as the 2nd GTAAA Overall Awardee for 1996-1997
Aug 1997	the 3rd GTAAA search begins; **program extends to include Mindanao-based schools** for the High School search
Apr 1998	**Wyant S. Chan** of the University of the Philippines-Diliman is declared 3rd GTAAA Overall Awardee for 1997-1998
Aug 1998	search for **4th GTAAA begins; prizes increased** to P50,000 for the Overall Awardee, P20,000 for the College Awardees and P10,000 for the High School Awardees
Feb 1998	pre-selected colleges grow to 15, while High School Awardees likewise grow to 15, covering all of Globe's service areas
Apr 1999	first female and 4th GTAAA Overall Awardee, **Minette Alexandra C. Sy** from the University of the Philippines-Diliman, wins for 1998-1999
Mar 2000	5th GTAAA generates **P1.4 million** in sponsorships
Apr 2000	**Angelo D. Tabuac** of the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila emerges as the 5th GTAAA Overall Awardee for 1999-2000; the GTAAA Alumni Card is launched
Jul 2000	GTAAA further extends the coverage of its High School Level search to the Visayas region; a new college is also added to the College Level search
Mar 2001	6th GTAAA generates **P1.91 million** in sponsorships
Apr 2001	**Jinoe M. Gavan** of the University of St. La Salle in Bacolod is the 6th GTAAA Overall Awardee for 2000-2001
Sept 2001	the GTAAA's High School Level search expands to include **Tagbilaran City and Tacloban City**
Jan 2002	**prizes increased** to P75,000 for the Overall Awardee, P30,000 for the College Awardee and P20,000 for the High School Awardees
Apr 2002	**Joel L. Panugayan** of the De La Salle University is proclaimed 7th GTAAA Overall Awardee for 2001-2002

CADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

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Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Chairperson Ester A. Garcia gives the keynote address during the 7th Globe Telecom Academic Achievement Awards. The CHED has endorsed the GTAAA for the past seven years.

contributed to them, it is interesting to note that 19 awardees of the search have joined Globe Telecom's work force. Among them are: Raymund Cueva, Ricardo Novenario, Christian Anthony Reyes, Mary Grace de Vera, Abe Villajos, Vernon Ponio, Jose Luistro, Jr., Erwin Tan, Edward Rolf Magtajas, Donald Virtucio, Ariel Amarillo, Le Roy Munar, David Israel, Eduardo Maglasang, Jr., Luisito Dungo, Diosdado Magsalay, Cletus John Acebes, Adrian Estoquia and Francis Arvin Reyes.

Being a part of the telecommunications industry, these awardees tread the path of their career. Witnessing their success means a lot to Globe Telecom. It only goes to show that GTAAA has, in a way, imparted a deep sense of commitment for these individuals to fulfill their dreams and become instruments in nation-building.

SUPPORTERS AND SPONSORS

As the only recognized sustainable industry-academe linkage program in the industry today, the GTAAA has gained the support of the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED). The two leading government institutions have continuously endorsed and supported the program since it started in 1995.

Other government agencies and private associations which have been part of the GTAAA are: Department of Science and Technology (DOST), National Telecommunications Commission (NTC), National Youth Commission (NYC), Institute of Electronics and Communications Engineers of the Philippines (IECEP), Institute of Integrated Electrical Engineers of the Philippines (IIEEP), Philippine Council for Advanced Science and Technology Research and Development (PCASTRD-DOST), and the Philippine Electronics and Telecommunications Federation (PETEF).

Leading communications technology corporations also support the GTAAA as sponsors of this year's search. They are Ericsson, Nokia, Tomen, Fujitsu, Hewlett-Packard, Alcatel, ECI Telecom and Nera Telecommunications.

In partnership with these corporations who believe in Globe Telecom's commitment, GTAAA has accumulated a total of P6.285 million in sponsorships since 1995, ensuring the continuance of the program.

LOOKING FORWARD

As the GTAAA enters its eighth year, it promises to respond even further to the call of the times to encourage students to excel.

In his speech at the awarding ceremonies, Globe President and CEO Gerardo Ablaza, Jr. says that the GTAAA is the company's way to promote social responsibility and nation-building.

"Our search for outstanding young students is one of our company's contributions to help the youth realize their potential and to encourage their drive to achieve," he says. He emphasized that "the GTAAA continues its noble aim to promote interest in telecommunications and information technology. By spurring the interest of students in telecoms and IT-related subjects and encouraging them to excel in these fields, the GTAAA helps provide for this important resource."

Globe Telecom Chairman Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala II, on the other hand, says that through the GTAAA, the company is making a valuable contribution to the youth. "At Globe Telecom, we are extremely proud to be a part of this effort of fostering excellence in education." He adds that Globe Telecom – a company formed by the alliance of Ayala Corporation, Singapore Telecom International and Deutsche Telekom – is ensuring that it contributes greatly in helping society.

He hopes that the GTAAA will serve as a "source of inspiration and motivation for others to become involved in social development."

He challenged the GTAAA winners to become the role models of the youth and assume the role of being the "architects of our nation's future." He stresses, "You must start building today, every day, in every little way you can. With hard work, dedication and a relentless pursuit of excellence, you will become the leaders of tomorrow."

The 16 College Awardees gamely pose for the camera after the awarding ceremonies last April 29: (standing from left) Arlieth A. Diño, Adamson University; Vanessa J. Alpeche, Silliman University; Marienne Tonette V. Rosario, University of Sto. Tomas; Janice G. Turalba, Saint Louis University; Raquel L. Omo, University of the Philippines-Diliman; Rexel Liz T. Sagpang, MSU-Iligan Institute of Technology; Ellen Joy C. Gerona, USC-Technological Center; Cherry M. Lauron, Ateneo de Davao; Jollice L. Tan, Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila; (seated from left) Sean Christian S. Calma, Don Bosco Technical College; Cledion Paul P. Taporco, Mindanao Polytechnic State College; Joel L. Panugayan, De La Salle University; Rudini D. Baynosa, University of St. La Salle-Bacolod; Filmann T. Simpao, University of Southeastern Philippines; Stephen C. Sabanal, Xavier University Ateneo de Cagayan; and Wallie L. Coronado, Mapua Institute of Technology.

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Stylewatch

By Joy Rojas

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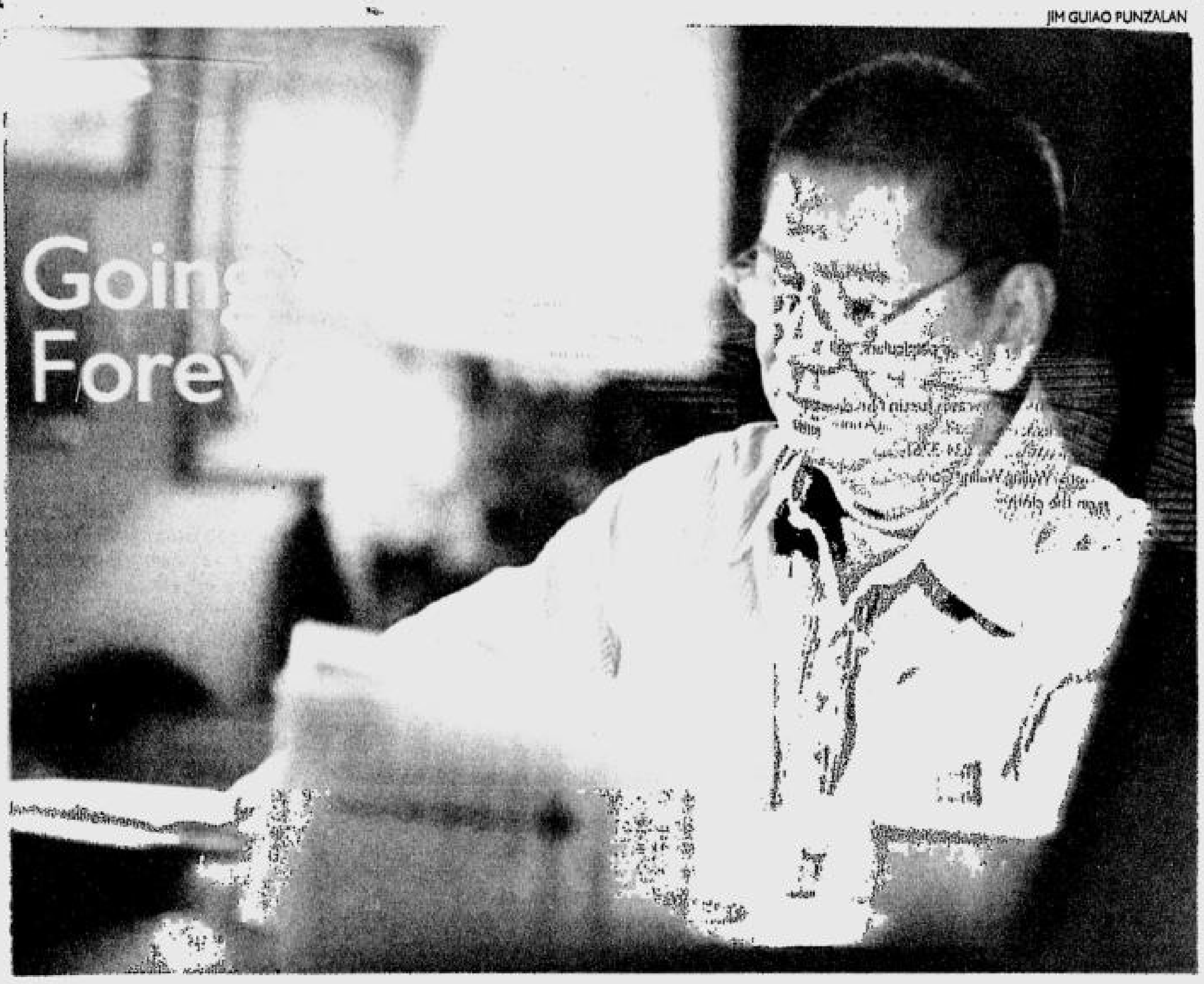
JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN



THOUGH he wasn't the most brilliant kid in school ("I flunked everything related to figures except women's figures," he quips) and never took a single dressmaking course in his life, it somehow seemed apt for colleagues to bestow Ben Farrales with the title "Dean of Philippine Fashion."

"I guess it goes with age," reasons Farrales, who turns an unbelievable 71 on July 1. "Whenever the younger designers have problems related to work, they come to me for advice. And I'm very approachable and easy to talk to. So I think it's really more of *cariño* (endearment), like calling someone *kuya* or *manong*."

Indeed, starting and seasoned designers can learn a thing or two from Farrales when he celebrates both his birthday and his fifth decade in the industry with "Ben Farrales 50 Years," a by-invitation-only affair at the Makati Shangri-La Hotel. Some 130 clothes are slated to be shown on this exclusive occasion which the designer insists is neither a retrospective nor a forecast of trends to come.

"It's nothing revolutionary or earth-shaking. Nothing to deconstruct or change," he describes of his all-new creations. "I'd just like to show everyone what my dresses are all about—dramatic, basic, but with good materials and construction. Everything that other dresses are not. Fashion to me is something that you want to invest money in and keep on wearing. That's the reason I survived these 50 years. Hopefully people will come to accept what I do as classic dressing."

Educating people on the merits of a well-made dress, however, doesn't end on the runway for this "Dean;" as part of the special event, Farrales will unveil details for a young designer scholarship search. The lone recipient of this DECS-recognized project of the Ben Farrales Foundation will undergo four semesters of a fashion course at the St. Scholastica's International Fashion School. "It's important to have a good foundation," he says of academics. "Everything you touch needs some form of education." And while Farrales certainly did fine without it, the designer asserts that he would rather "help someone who will make education a main thrust in his or her future."

After a fashionable half-century, the inimitable Ben Farrales is enjoying a well-designed life and looking forward to helping educate aspiring designers

Equal parts talent, experience and attitude explain Farrales' ability to endure in a fast-paced and fickle business. The youngest of nine children, he revealed an inclination for being both artistic and gay at an early age—something that his family initially didn't understand or approve of. Bent on staying true to himself, he designed dresses as a child growing up during the war years; his fascination for clothes continued even while he studied fine arts under Manansala, Edades, Navarro, and all the other masters at the University of Santo Tomas for two years. Failing subjects left and right in San Beda finally prompted Farrales to ask his sister (who was supporting him) if he could "do things on the side"—by that he meant apprenticing for a slew of shops, including Aurelias, a high-end boutique specializing in imported apparel. There, he picked up pins in the fitting room, dressed windows and bought fabric from Divisoria. "I was thrown into the lion's den and I loved it! I really loved it!" he exclaims. "I was in heaven."

The Dean at his work desk, top; above, an Italian knit formal featuring beadwork on the waist and sleeves

Four years later, Farrales, a quick study with a strong character and intuitive mind, struck out on his own. With the blessing of his previous employer, he opened what he describes as a "cubicle" in Mabini and got an *aparador*, cutting table and other equipment on loan. Despite his modest digs and minimal *modisto* experience, Chona Kasten, Elvira Manahan, Conchita Sunico, a throng of diplomats' wives, and other ladies from the stylish '60s social scene flocked to his shop and had dresses made "like it was the end of the world. I did casuals, cocktails, baptismals—*maski damit ng patay nagawa ko* (even clothes for the dead)! Anything that needed to be sewn, I did. Couture was having a ball."

In time, the designer was able to travel and eventually relocate to a bigger boutique before setting up his landmark shop at M. Adriatico near Manila's Remedios Circle in 1967. "I think I was born under a lucky star. Believe me!" he chuckles of his skyrocketing success. "Doors were opening to me, and the opportunities to become a big-time designer came fast. *Hindi ako nahirapan*. Of course, you can't take away those periods when there's a lull in the work, but we never ran out of things to do." Admirably, Farrales remained fiercely loyal to his calling even as affordable, accessible ready-to-wear fashion left him with zero orders some four years ago. Instead of moping, he joined a pilgrimage with fellow Sto. Niño devotees and just knew in his heart "that people would come looking for me. A month later, *balikan uli*.

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Artwatch

By Alya B. Honasan

the Company of Spirits

HOW does Floy Quintos tell if a particular *bulol* or *santo*, a prime piece of tribal or colonial art, is a good one? "Very Buddhist," he says in all sincerity. "It's in the eyes. They should be looking at you, but at the same time seem like they're looking beyond you or at something deep inside you." The award-winning playwright, writer and director is a firm believer in the life force that lives within such cultural antiquities, a force that influences the decisions of this brand new entrepreneur. "It's this little spirit, a spark of life. It's the spirituality of the carver and a reflection of how ingrained such spirituality is in their lifestyle. You can own a fake, but it doesn't look at you in the right way."

ROMY HOMILLADA

Quintos among friends at Gallery Deus

Such a primal sensitivity and a collector's instinct has helped Quintos amass a formidable trove of tribal and colonial sculpture, textiles and adornments—"small and big things, all authentic"—which he began putting together at the age of 12, when he purchased his first P5 *santo* from a shop in Mabini. "I don't know why I liked them. It was probably just a response to something in the soul. Those were the years when there was really great stuff in Manila, when walking into an antique shop was an adventure."

Quintos remembers "making connections with mountain people" on treks to Sagada, Baguio and Banawe — "something I can't quite do anymore at 41," he laughs. "Me? Walk in the fields with a *camote* stick?" Today, the same folks still look him up in Manila when there's merchandise for sale, and after having learned his lessons buying the occasional "mega-dud" and reading up on the subject, Quintos has become a discriminating collector who knows what he wants.

Friends have long bugged him to open his own shop. Then, serendipitously, Willie Versoza, owner of the pioneering antique shop Likha and a friend of Quintos', announced he was closing shop after the death of his partner Jean Louis Levi. Meantime, Quintos had been doing some thinking. "I realized I had also amassed so much, and I was wondering, am I going to be collecting forever?"

The rent was good, the building was owned by a friend, and Quintos, while working constantly in the commercial circuit, was looking for something to revive his weary soul. "I figured this was the career break I've been looking for."

Thus, one month ago, the orange façade and olive green interiors of Gallery Deus welcomed the public. It was named after the Latin word for "God," which Quintos has always liked for the reference to "the spirit in all of us." He was between projects, fresh from directing AlAl de las Alas' West Coast concerts and on the way to Phuket to direct a TV show, with just one Sunday to spare. He fixed the shop and made the leap from collector to dealer in one day—a move that was a lot tougher than it seems.

"I've learned to not be so acquisitive," Quintos laughs. "I painted the shop, put in the shelves, but I kept procrastinating about the actual move and choosing which ones of my children to put on sale. I've kept exactly six *bulol* and five *santos*."

Quintos is at his shop from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. when he isn't doing a show. He is having a

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This Week

Art

Sister's Pact showcases a collection of still life and landscape scenes by sisters Cianang Mendoza and Badang Guinto at the Madrigal Art Center, Commerce Avenue, Ayala Alabang, Muntinlupa until May 31. For particulars, call 842-0127.

Galleria Duemila showcases **Justin Nuyda: Selected Works** at the 4L, SM Megamall A until May 30. For inquiries, call 634-3261.

Striations, Waling Waling Gorospe's exhibit focusing on the clothes and the people of the Cordillera at the Finale Art Gallery, 4L, SM Megamall A until June 2.

Art Through a Child's Eyes features the top three artworks of elementary students who participated in the Faber-Castell school tour workshops at the UP Vargas Museum, UP Diliman, QC until May 31.

Cinema

***Boca a Boca* (Mouth to Mouth)**, June 1, 5 p.m. at the Salón de Actos of Instituto Cervantes de Manila, Leon Guinto St., Malate, Manila. A comedy about an unemployed aspiring actor who reluctantly takes the only "acting job he can find" as a phone-sex operator. One day he receives a call from a mysterious lady who wants to do more than just talk. Directed by Manuel Gómez Pereira and starring Javier Bardem. For details, call 526-1482 to 85.

Brash Young Cinema will feature some **silent film classics** on June 1 starting at 1 p.m. Leading the pack is "The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari," "*Un Chien Andalou*," "Battleship Potemkin" and some short features of Charlie Chaplin. On July 13, it will feature "Lagaan," a four-hour Indian musical which was nominated for a Best Foreign Film Oscar this year and "Yi Yi (a One and a Two)," the multi-awarded, three-hour feature by Edward Yang. Admission is free. For inquiries, call Francis at 838-8968 or Dustin at 887-7886.

***Jour de Fête* (The Big Day)**, May 29, 8 p.m. at Alliance Ondeo Auditorium, Alliance Francaise de Manille. A delightful story revolving around Francois, a jovial village postman played by Jacques Tati. After seeing a documentary on the American Postal System, Francois finds himself obsessed with the art of speedy mail delivery. Featuring classic pantomimes and revealing the sweetness of French rural comedy, this film won Best Scenario at the 1949 Venice Film Festival and a Gold medal in 1950 at Cannes. For details, call 895-7585.

Atbp

The Awareness of Light: Lighting Design Workshop, facilitated by lighting designer Shoko Matsumoto, culminates today at 4 p.m. at the Sinag Arts Studio, 664 San Ignacio St., Brgy. Plainview, Mandaluyong City. It will be marked with performances of Dulaang Talyer's "*Isang Buhay sa Tambakan*" and Footworks Dance Theater's "*Bagong Tuklas Sining.*" Fifteen participants of the lighting workshop will design the lights. The Sinag Arts Studio offers workshops on costume, makeup, drafting, set design, props making, acoustics and sound design, theater safety, equipment maintenance, interior design and interior lighting design. For inquiries, call 531-3491.

Learning Sessions on Understanding Autism and other Developmental Disabilities: June 1—10 Basic Steps for Parents of Developmentally Disabled Individuals; June 15—NeuroScience in Autism; June 29—Music and Me: A Lecture Workshop on Music Therapy. Sessions will be held at the Asian Social Institute, Leon Guinto, Manila. For inquiries, call 253-6236/233-3645.

Learn the basics of American Flag Football and develop your running skills in **Free American Flag Football Lessons** for male and female at the UP Sunken Garden on May 26 and June 2. For details, call Randy Santos at 0917-4909337.

Make Your Impossible Dreams Come True!, a dynamic four and a half-hour success seminar to be conducted by music composer, book writer and lifestyle columnist Dero Pedero at The Roof Deck, Buendia Towers, 105 Gil Puyat Ave. between Bautista and Dominga Streets across Houseware Square on May 29 and 30 at 6-10 p.m., and on June 8 at 2-6 p.m. E-mail DeroSeminar@yahoo.com for inquiries or call Deena at 0920-4053633.

Balik School is Cool center-wide sale at Araneta Center gives up to 50 percent discount on school items until June 16. The list includes uniforms, bags, shoes, study paraphernalia and other school-related materials. For details, visit www.aranetacenter.net or call 911-1423 and 911-1761.

ProActive Center for Training holds its **Managing a Restaurant/Canteen Seminar-Workshop** from May 27–June 5, 1-5 p.m. at Bedas Restaurant, C-5, Libis, QC. For reservations, call 0919-5500601.

X-manila

The Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) Hotel is offering a special treat for everyone wishing to spend a relaxing weekend in Tagaytay City. The DAP is extending a **Special Weekend Treat Promo** discount of as much as 30 to 50 percent for an overnight stay inclusive of a Filipino breakfast. DAP is just across the Picnic Grove, the newly opened Nature's Park and the Mama Mary Shrine.

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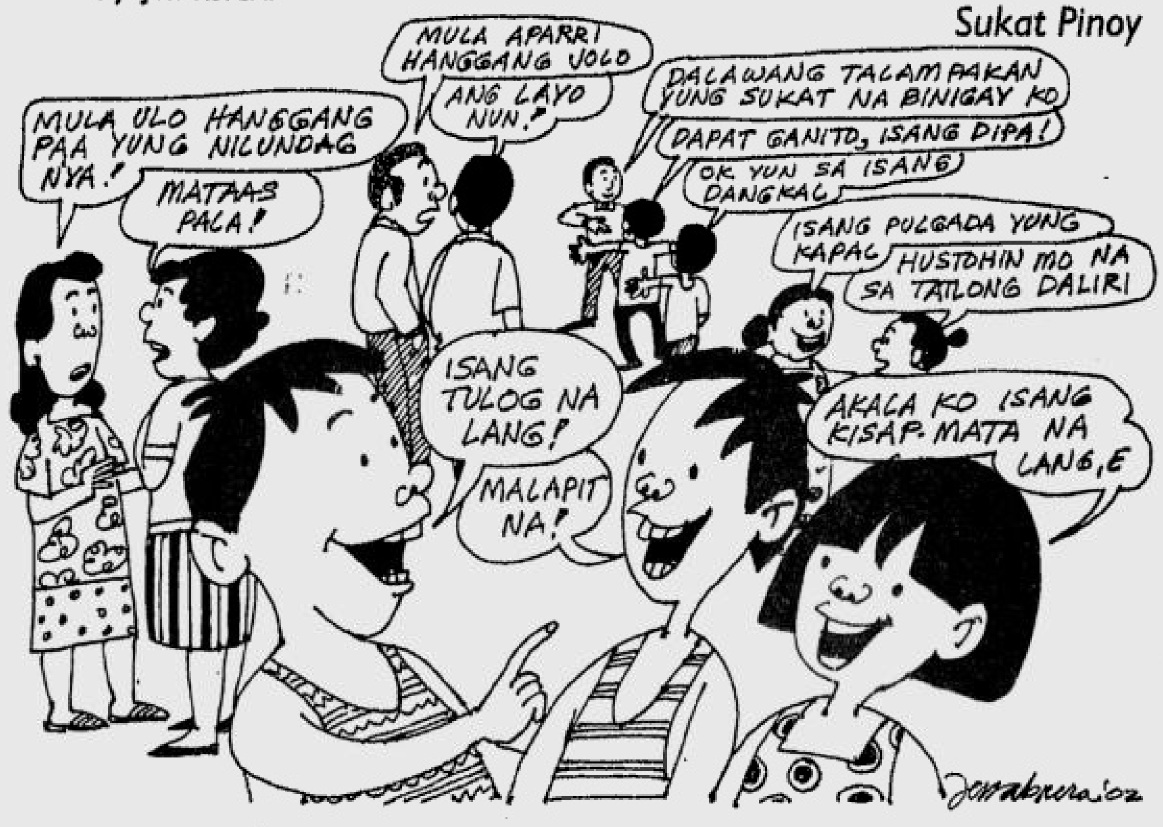
Pinoy Nga

By Jess Abrera

Sukat Pinoy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Space

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provisational wit and refreshingly natural (she refuses to wear makeup) charm for a growing cable audience.

Reema, who took up Liberal Arts and Commerce with majors in Organizational Communication and Marketing, will be the first to tell you she's the least likely person to be hosting a TV show. "I had absolutely no plans of being on TV." She grew up painfully shy as the third child in a brood of four and worked for a big bank after graduation. What started things rolling was an appearance on the ABC-5 show "The Exchange," that featured her visit to the Czech Republic accompanied by a camera crew. "That show changed my life," Reema says. "I got used to having a camera in front of me all the time."

"Space" executive producer Ian Rica Roxas caught Reema's appearance on "The Exchange" and thought she'd make a good host for their new design show. "I wasn't doing anything at that time so I went for it," recalls Reema. Soon, this self-proclaimed "Space Diva" was enlightening viewers on the fun aspects of redecorating. Personal misgivings remain, however. "I'm not the artistic type at all," she laments. Despite her success with her own room prior to being hired for the show, Reema says every single hands-on project for the show is a new experience for her. "When I say that I'm amazing myself whenever I make something by myself during the 'Workshop' portion, I mean it," she laughs. But talent will out. "I have to admit that I'm now starting to discover my artistic side," Reema grins.

When she's not taping for her show, this TV host is seriously into sports like boxing, bowling and gymnastics. She likes going out of town with her golden retriever Sasha. Invading other people's homes and making like a smart Tool Time Girl isn't the only thing filling up her work schedule, either. The former runway model is also the new host of the sleek ABC-5 show *"Trabaho Lang"* and, surprise, surprise, provides the voice for the maid Macarena on the Tagalog-dubbed *telenovela* "Samantha" on GMA-7. She even found time to audition for an international movie recently.

Beyond her current media exposure, Reema readily says she wants to work in television if the industry will have her. "It's a lot of fun," she explains. In the meantime, she is content spreading the gospel of reinventing space.

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I guess this was all part of a testing ground, a wake-up call," he reflects. "Sometimes you have to experience some challenge."

These days, being able to design clothes on his own terms is a blessing that keeps Farrales energized. "I forget to be old and sick," he declares of his eight-hour workdays. "I'm not health-conscious, and I have more important things to do than worry about my dark skin or my big stomach." Booked for wedding gown orders till 2003, he is open to meeting with walk-in clients and can whip up a gown overnight if a customer really needed one. Those days when he admittedly used to kiss up to clients are thankfully over; today, Farrales is wont to speak his mind like he did when a client insisted that she have the designer feng shui-ed to check their compatibility. "*Ano ako, aparador*? (you think I'm furniture?)" he objected.

JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

"My dresses are all about good materials and construction"

Outside of fashion, Farrales is a doting dad to three teenage boys—two of whom he adopted from Muslim parents in Cotabato and converted into Christians, and one the son of his late sister. After Mass, grocery-shopping, and visits to their departed loved ones, the foursome spend their weekends together in places that the designer never dreamed he'd set foot in. "They like all these fast-food joints, so okay, *kain si* Farrales *ng* hamburger," he smiles, "In the movies, when I want something romantic they want action, so *sige, uupo ako sa* aisle to watch 'Spider-man.' But I'm not complaining. I was young once." Sunday afternoons are to him "the saddest part of the day because the weekend is over," he muses. "So I just stay put. As much as possible, I don't want to accept any socials on Sundays."

Farrales is also a staunch Sto. Niño devotee. Originally into the Holy Child when it was a fad some 25 years ago, the designer has since taken his passion for the Infant Jesus on a deeper level. In addition to being an astute collector of images from all over the world, he's founding chairman of the Congregacion del Santisimo Nombre Del Niño Jesus, and publisher of the visually stunning book "Sto. Niño: The Holy Child Devotion in the Philippines."

"I call it my spiritual apostolic work," he says. "It's good for me, it makes me do things for charity, and it keeps me away from mischief." Like all devotees, he prays a daily novena not only to the Sto. Niño but also to a host of saints. "St. Joseph, St. Jude, St. Anthony, Perpetual Help, Lady of Manaoag, Fatima, Peñafrancia, Guadalupe and Sacred Heart," he enumerates while showing his pamphlets. "When I start praying at 5:30 in the morning, by 7, I'm done."

Are his prayers always answered?

"Each day," says Farrales, "I always ask God to make me creative, productive, motivated, decisive, objective and positive." And so He does.

Spirits

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field day treating his windows like production numbers. "This week, it's called 'The Beheading of John the Baptist,' next week will be 'Horsey-Horsey, *Tigidig-Tigidig*.'" Seriously, Quintos adds, "I never thought I could do business. Now I'm able to compute, and I guess, like most dealers who love their stuff and don't look at it as just merchandise, I love to make *chika* the customers." Consistent with his attitude, he doesn't hard-sell the items. If a sale doesn't push through, Quintos assumes that the piece simply "doesn't want to go just yet."

As a collector, Quintos is glad that Filipinos are becoming more educated buyers of tribal art, even as the levels of scholarship and appreciation are ironically still higher abroad. "It's the foreigners who know what's good and what's special."

On the personal front, Quintos has been more discriminating in choosing projects and is making more time to sit back, gain perspective—and write. "I've got about five plays inside me that need to see the light, and this kind of work is giving me the time and the inspiration ." With a little help from his friends, of course.

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Catering & Gourmet Cooking
Child Day Care
Child Psychology
Combination Welder
Complete Programming
Computer Engineering
Computer Fundamentals/Basic Programming
Dental Assistant
Diesel Mechanic
Dressmaking/Pattern-Cutting & Design
Effective English
Electric Motor Repairman
Electronic Instrumentation & Control
Electronic Service Technician
Electronics Engineering
English Proficiency & Speech Improvement
Executive Assistant
Fitness & Nutrition
Freelance Journalism
Freelance Writer
General Drafting
Gunsmith
Hotel & Restaurant Management
Industrial Instrumentation & Process Control Technician
Industrial Management
Interior Decorator
Interior Design
Inventory Management & Control
Java Programmer
Marketing Management
Master Electrician
Master Motorcycle Repair
Mathematics Review Course
PC Fundamentals
Personal Computer Repair
Power Plant Engineering
Practical English
Professional Secretary
Professional Electrician
Public Relations
Short Story Writing
Small Business Management
Structural Engineering
Teacher Aide
Technical Writing
Telecommunications Technician
TV/VCR Repair
Visual Basic Programmer
Visual C++ Programmer
Web Page Designer

USA DEGREE PROGRAMS
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Applied Computer Science
Business Management Engineering
Electrical Engineering
Electronics Technology
Hospitality Management
Industrial Engineering
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ADAMSON UNIVERSITY

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BS ECE
Lopez Manuel Jr. L. - *Cum Laude*

ATENEO DE MANILA UNIVERSITY

BS Computer Science
Abigan Ronald - *Cum Laude*
Ng Matthew T. - *Cum Laude*

BS Management Information System
Cua Whitney C. - *Cum Laude*
Deles Laila Catherina - *Cum Laude*
Lao Cathryn Ann C. - *Magna Cum Laude*
Lim Jennifer C. - *Cum Laude*
Ng Gigi O. - *Cum Laude*

BS Physics
Amparo Denis Joseph C. - *Cum Laude*
Bañez Donnie G. - *Cum Laude*
Serohijos Adrian Wendil R. - *Cum Laude*

CEBU INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

BS Computer Engineering
Jamero Kristin V. - *Magna Cum Laude*

BS Computer Science
Alo Liezel C. - *Cum Laude*
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BS ECE
Ferrer Nephtali Jr L. - *Cum Laude*
Geraldez Amiecar B. - *Cum Laude*
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BS Information Technology
Alejano April Marie T. - *Cum Laude*
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Velasco Leah Rosa S. - *Cum Laude*

CENTRAL COLLEGES OF THE PHILIPPINES

BS ECE
Albo Ma. Cecilia E. - *Cum Laude*

CENTRAL PHILIPPINE UNIVERSITY

BS Computer Science
Gaw Te Connie S. - *Cum Laude*
Reyes Ryan JH - *Cum Laude*

BS ECE
Misajon Maye Ann - *Cum Laude*

DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY

BS Computer Science
major in Computer Engineering
Dy Fitzroy C. - *Cum Laude*
Figueroa John Arman B. - *Cum Laude*

BS Computer Science
with specialization in Computer Technology
Lim Marie Catherine G. - *Cum Laude*

DON BOSCO TECHNICAL COLLEGE

BS Computer Science
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HOLY ANGELS UNIVERSITY

BS Computer Science
Agcaoili Geoffrey S. - *Magna Cum Laude*

MAPUA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

BS ECE
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MINDANAO STATE UNIVERSITY - ILIGAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

BS ECE
Diangco Maritess C. - *Cum Laude*
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Sagpang Rexel Liz T. - *Cum Laude*
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PAMANTASAN NG LUNGSOD NG MAYNILA

BS Computer Science
Yee Sheila Ann P. - *Cum Laude*
Acedera Jessica L. - *Cum Laude*
Decena Abegael S. - *Cum Laude*

BS Computer Engineering
Quial Melvin L. - *Cum Laude*
Soriano Harriet I. - *Cum Laude*

BS ECE
Bernal Mibelle O. - *Magna Cum Laude*
Osorio Ina Eloisa E. - *Magna Cum Laude*
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SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY

BS ECE
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Turalba Janice D. - *Cum Laude*
Flores Abigail C. - *Cum Laude*
Lansangan Vergil Joseph G. - *Cum Laude*

BS Information Technology
Macay Rhowella E. - *Magna Cum Laude*
Reyes Ricci Roy C. - *Magna Cum Laude*
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Chin Anthony Jr. B. - *Cum Laude*
Quinitip Jeffrey B. - *Cum Laude*
Rance Clarissa A. - *Cum Laude*
Villanueva Janet C. - *Cum Laude*
Baluda John Eric P. - *Cum Laude*
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BS Mathematics
Puzon La Kristine D. - *Summa Cum Laude*

UNIVERSITY OF SAN CARLOS

BS Computer Science
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Co Jason - *Cum Laude*
Florentino Rachel Joy - *Cum Laude*
Fo Leslie Joy - *Cum Laude*

BS ECE
Narvios Jed Justine C. - *Cum Laude*
San Gabriel Gwendolyn T. - *Cum Laude*

UNIVERSITY OF SAN JOSE RECOLETOS

BS ECE
Abao Nila D. - *Magna Cum Laude*
Cayme Edbryan T. - *Magna Cum Laude*
Tandag Caesar Eddielino - *Magna Cum Laude*
Calo Emerito - *Cum Laude*
Canete Johnnas Ivan T. - *Cum Laude*
Godinez Regino Carlo P. - *Cum Laude*
Malait Arnulfo T. - *Cum Laude*
Maningo Emerson R. - *Cum Laude*
Uy Rued Anthony C. - *Cum Laude*

BS Computer Science
Carmona Jovelyn M. - *Cum Laude*
Llanto Jacqui Mae B. - *Cum Laude*
Minoria Theodore Vito P. - *Cum Laude*
Redilosa Emmylou M. - *Cum Laude*
Tumulak Jasmin A. - *Cum Laude*

UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS

BS ECE
Dizon Mabelle C. - *Cum Laude*
German Alwin I. - *Cum Laude*
Ignacio Ryan T. - *Cum Laude*
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BS Mathematics
Alvaro Marc Benson A. - *Cum Laude*
Bautista Ben John C. - *Cum Laude*
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UNIVERSITY OF THE EAST

BS ECE
Cruz Janice T. - *Cum Laude*

UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES-DILIMAN

BS Computer Engineering
Chua Ericson G. - *Summa Cum Laude*
Rosano Aaron Joshua C. - *Cum Laude*

BS Computer Science
D'Silva Edward D. - *Magna Cum Laude*
Aganon Anna Lizette B. - *Cum Laude*
Capati Sherry S. - *Cum Laude*
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BS ECE
Caisido Joel Restituto - *Magna Cum Laude*
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Aseron Paolo Guiseppe A. - *Cum Laude*
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UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES-MANILA

BS Computer Science
Canlas Josue P. - *Magna Cum Laude*
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